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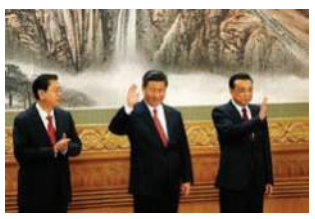

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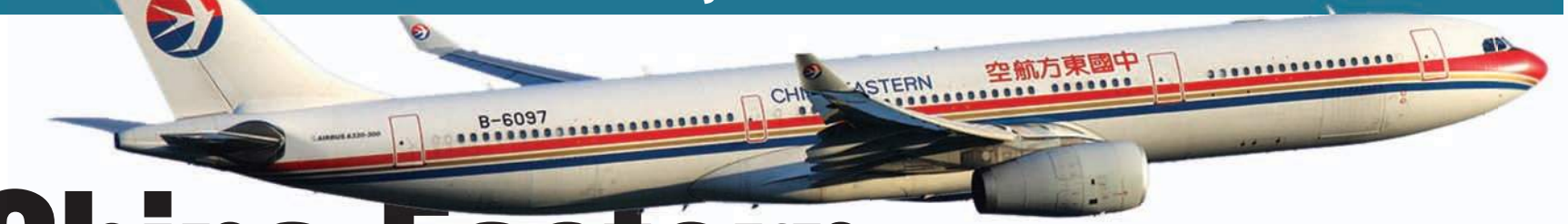

China Eastern touches down

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» 21 media, travel partners join inaugural flight

Tourists and media representatives from Beijing will touch down at the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport early morning today aboard the maiden flight of China Eastern Airlines, which is expected to bring more air seats to the CNMI from the emerging China market.

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20 pct. of 431 bills now public laws but enforcement lacking for many

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As of yesterday, only 20 percent or 88 of the 431 bills that were introduced and pre-filed by members of the 17th Legislature became public laws, with freshman Rep. Teresita Santos (Ind-Rota) having the most number of bills that were enacted. She and others conceded, however, that the bigger task for the government is enforcing or implementing these laws.

» Santos, Stanley, Camacho have most number of bills signed into law

Santos had eight bills that became law, mostly on homesteads and public lands.

"I'm grateful to the House and Senate, and the administration, for seeing the merits of my bills. But having many bills signed into law does not necessarily mean you're the best. Also, in the Commonwealth, we have laws that lack enforcement and that to me is the bigger responsibility," she told *Saipan Tribune* last night.

Another freshman lawmaker, House floor leader George Camacho (R-Saipan), came second with seven bills becoming public laws, including a major revenue-generating bill in February 2011 called the Japan Air Stabilization Program.

But even before it could be implemented, it had to be twice amended. A fourth bill pre-filed yesterday seeks a fourth amendment, this time raising the hotel occupancy tax by 5 percent to help the CNMI's tour-

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5 pct. hotel tax hike eyed by April 1

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Weeks after Gov. Benigno R. Fitial asked the Legislature through his fiscal year 2013 budget message to act swiftly on a plan to increase the hotel occupancy tax to help fund the marketing of the CNMI as a tourist destination, House floor leader George Camacho (R-Saipan) pre-filed yesterday a bill raising the hotel

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An employee trims the hedges in the parking lot of Kanoa Resort Saipan, one of the member-hotels of the Hotel Association of the Northern Mariana Islands. HAIDEE V. EUGENIO

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Local

New House panel on Retirement Fund issues

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The prospective speaker of the incoming 18th House of Representatives and author of the newly ratified pension obligation bond initiative said yesterday that a new standing committee on NMI Retirement Fund issues will be formed to help extend the pension agency's lifespan.

House minority leader Joe Deleon Guerrero (IR-Saipan), also the main author of the defeated impeachment resolution, said yesterday that this new committee will "focus on the critical issues facing the Retirement Fund."

The 18th House of Representatives may have at least 10 committees.

"The Retirement Fund is among the top priorities and we are creating a special committee just for Fund issues. It will take more than the pension obligation bond to solve all the issues," Deleon Guerrero told *Saipan Tribune*.

The government owes the Fund over $300 million in unpaid employer contributions. Yesterday, the Fund sued three government agencies for non-remittance of employer contributions to the pension agency.

Deleon Guerrero's initiative amends the NMI Constitution to allow the government to float bond to help pay this obligation but it does not necessarily mean it will go this route if a feasibility or actuarial study shows that it won't be in the CNMI's best interest to do so.

The POB initiative received 6,876 "yes" votes against 4,152 "no" votes during the Nov. 6 mid-term elections.

The initiative's author said a study has to be done to see whether the CNMI can really borrow money at this time and if so, how much and at what interest rate.

"We will be consulting with the Retirement Fund and the Commonwealth Development Authority on this," he added.

Fund investment consultant Maggie Ralbovsky, Wilshire Consulting principal, earlier told *Saipan Tribune* that if the government is successful in floating a $300-million bond, this would result in a $30-million debt for the CNMI each year.

Case against 2nd suspect in GES burglary also dismissed

Superior Court Associate Judge Perry B. Inos dismissed yesterday the criminal case against Mario O. Sablan in connection with the burglary at the Garapan Elementary School early this year.

Inos dismissed the case without prejudice after the Office of the Attorney General filed Friday a motion to dismiss the complaint. Dismissal without prejudice allows the OAG to re-file a new complaint on the same claim in the future.

Based on the motion to dismiss filed by assistant attorney general James B. McAllister, the request was made after it was determined that the evidence currently in its possession is most likely insufficient to support a conviction.

Sablan and another suspect, John Reyes Jr., were arrested on March 30, 2012, on suspicion of burglarizing several classrooms and storage rooms at Garapan Elementary Schools on March 25, 2012. The burglars reportedly stole over $6,000 worth of equipment and other instructional materials.

Last June, Inos dismissed the criminal case against Reyes after the OAG and Reyes filed a joint motion to dismiss the complaint.

Sablan and Reyes were then charged with burglary, theft, conspiracy to commit burglary, conspiracy to commit theft, possession or removal of government property, and criminal mischief. Both Sablan and Reyes are former staff at the Division of Sports and Recreation. ***(Moneth G. Deposa)***

'Ice' conspiracy case vs Ordonez dismissed

The "ice" conspiracy case filed against Division of Youth Services juvenile probation officer Leonard Urumelog Ordonez was dismissed Tuesday in federal court.

U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona dismissed the case without prejudice, which means the case can be re-opened for prosecution in the future.

Manglona, in her order issued Tuesday, stated that the decision to dismiss the case was made because there was no objection filed on the motion to dismiss the case from the defendant.

"Without objection from the defendant, the motion is granted. For the reasons stated on the record at the Nov. 13 hearing, all indictments in this matter as to [Leonard Urumelog Ordonez] are hereby dismissed without prejudice. All bail terms are hereby exonerated," stated Manglona's order.

Manglona granted the motion to dismiss earlier submitted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Clyde Lemons Jr., who asked the court for dismissal of the case with prejudice. Lemons, however, did not explain the reason behind the request.

Ordonez is represented in court by defense attorney David Banes.

Ordonez, along with former CNMI Adult Probation officer Robin Sablan and his wife Ofelia Sablan, were charged with conspiracy to distribute methamphetamine. In addition, Robin Sablan was charged with one count of distribution of methamphetamine.

The Sablan couple signed a plea agreement with the U.S. government and pleaded guilty. The couple will be sentenced on March 8, 2013.

Federal agents purchased 0.83 of a gram of "ice" from them, worth $1,250, on March 24, 2011. The three were arrested on Aug. 22, 2012, along with several former and current CNMI law enforcement officers during combined operations by federal and Commonwealth authorities. ***(Moneth G. Deposa)***

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Man'amko album on sale; Mondala mum about Manglona contract

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Congregates at the Aging Center are now certified recording artists with yesterday's official release of the "Man Amko' Christmas Album" which aims to raise funds for the island's elderly.

The 14-track album features performances by Maria T. Salinas, Paula Mereb, Maxie Mereb, Vicenta Rosy, Ann M. Perry, Ana Nakatsukasa, Benjamin Norita, Vicente "Sirampi" Laniyo, Jacoba Asuncion, Teresita Sorroza, Meryalen Conrad, Terry Sitae, Floria James, Jesus B. Pangelinan, Manuel Mesa, Mila Garin, Teodoro Guiao, Natividad Borja, Alejandra Blas, Benita Cepeda, and Fidel Alomia.

The album, which costs $15 each, also contains performances by Tommy Boy Atalig, David Dre Manglona, and Walter Manglona, the Aging program coordinator whose last day at work is on Nov. 30.

All proceeds from the album sale would go to the council coffers to help improve programs at the center such as purchasing more exercise equipment to keep the *man'amko* fit and healthy.

Expectations to sell the album are high, according to Salinas, president of the Saipan Seniors Advisory Council. She said 500 albums are now available for sale from the *man'amko* themselves. The album is also being sold at the Office on Aging, and is expected to be made available in local stores.

Salinas said the album is a first of its kind in the history of the CNMI, adding that it is also culturally diverse, with holiday hits sung in different languages.

"We are really excited and impressed with this album. Walter did an exceptional job. I hope the community will buy our CD and appreciate the hard work we've done to entertain them this holiday season," she said.

Salinas thanked Pacific Amusement Inc. for co-sponsoring their Christmas

project and Manglona, "our bright and talented program coordinator," for making the album possible.

"He has done so much for us and I hope and pray that he will be with us for a long time, she added.

Council treasurer Sorroza, for her part, said she was amazed with the way the album came out, which looks and sounds "so professional."

Sorroza, a former council president, acknowledged Pacific Amusement's Jim Gebhard for his album sponsorship and other equipment he donated for the *man'amko*.

She also emphasized that Manglona should "be honored and not attacked for all the good things he's done for us."

Sorroza urged the public to support the *man'amko* and buy the album. "I am certain that the people will love this CD. We are selling like hotcakes, so please hurry and get your copy today," she added.

No comment

Aging director Rose Mondala confirmed yesterday that each *man'amko* is given copies of the album for them to sell.

"They need to sell the CD to get their money back," she said, adding that she got 20 copies to sell.

When asked for comment about Manglona's employment contract, Mondala said she has no comment and would like to invoke her 5th amendment, a jocular reference to the remark of individuals who were invited to testify before the impeachment panel committee.

Mondala stressed that reporters are no longer allowed to talk to Aging staff as well as the *man'amko*, and that all inquiries must be directed to Secretary Melvin Faisao of the Department of Community and Cultural Affairs.

Faisao earlier said he has no comment about Manglona's contract. As of press time yesterday, he has yet to respond to an email asking about the Office on Aging's policy on media inquiries.

HOTEL TAX

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occupancy tax by 5 percent effective April 1, 2013.

If Camacho's bill becomes law, the CNMI's hotel occupancy tax will increase from the current 10 percent to 15 percent.

The Fitial administration-sponsored bill seeks to help finance tourism-related programs in the CNMI, whose tourism-based economy is still not out of the woods yet.

"Based on conversations with HANMI [Hotel Association of the Northern Mariana Islands] and MVA [Marianas Visitors Authority], they support this bill. But we're waiting for formal, written comments from them," Camacho told *Saipan Tribune* in an interview yesterday.

HANMI president Nick Nishikawa earlier said that HANMI is more amenable to an increase in hotel occupancy tax rather than a new $15 fee on transient occupants of hotels and motels, which was supposed to be implemented last July 1.

The transient fee was already a later version of two related public laws—an airline incentives program for travel agencies that bring in more tourists from non-U.S. destinations and charge passengers from these mostly Asian countries $15 travel promotion fee.

A Garapan hotel executive who has been in the CNMI for more than a decade said that "raising taxes at this point will hurt hotel businesses and that will trickle down to employees who may be subjected to RIF [reduction in force] to be able to pay the increased tax and at the same time make profit."

"But if the HANMI leadership is supporting this, we would like to see an official comment," the hotel executive said.

Hotels and other businesses already had to contend with another 50-cent increase in minimum wage last Sept. 30 amid a slow economy.

HANMI reported a 66.95-percent occupancy in September among its 12 member hotels, a 7-percent increase from September 2011. This translates to 48,243 of 72,060 available room nights that were sold in September 2012, compared to 43,579 of 72,240 over the same period last year.

House Speaker Eli Cabrera (R-Saipan) has yet to call for a session as of yesterday, so there's no telling when this bill will be formally introduced along with Vice Speaker Felicidad Ogumoro's (R-Saipan) "fat" tax bill to help finance the Commonwealth Healthcare Corp.

Camacho's bill says in order to promote recreation and tourism, the Legislature finds that public financial support should be provided for constructing, equipping, improving and maintaining project, agencies and facilities that promote recreation and tourism.

It says public support is also required to effectively market the CNMI as a premier tourist destination.

HB 17-322 creates a Marianas Visitors Authority Trust Fund administered by the Finance secretary, into which revenues meant for MVA shall be deposited. This MVA trust fund is supposed to be separate from the CNMI general fund.

MVA shall expend no more than 5 percent of the funds per fiscal year from the MVA trust fund for destination enhancement programs.

The bill also gives up to 2 percent or $400,000 of the funds per fiscal year from the MVA trust fund to Rota and Tinian, "to be used to implement charter flight tourism incentives and promotional programs." The mayors are the expenditure authorities of these funds.

The $114-million budget law for fiscal year 2013 gave only a $2-million budget to MVA, in anticipation of this bill's signing into law.

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ism industry.

His other major bill is a pension reform measure that gives active government employees options on what to do with the money they have already contributed to the financially troubled NMI Retirement Fund.

"I'm glad my bills became laws; it shows the work that my office does," Camacho said, adding that he is thankful for the administration for signing his bills into laws. Camacho was re-elected on Nov. 6.

Rep. Stanley Torres (Ind-Saipan) tied in second place with Camacho with seven bills that became law, including one authorizing the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. to borrow $10 million. CUC has yet to execute a loan almost a year later. Torres, one of the longest serving lawmakers in the CNMI, lost his re-election bid last week.

Senate Vice President Jude Hofschneider (R-Tinian) and Sen. Jovita Taimanao (Ind-Rota) tied at number three with six bills each that became law.

Hofschneider's measures included removing the Office of the Governor's authority to administer personnel policies by moving the Office of Personnel Management to the Civil Service Commission. He also co-authored a repealer of the beneficiary derivative lawsuit act with three other senators.

"I'm grateful for my bills becoming law. It's a strong indication that majority of the policy makers agree with the intent of the legislation," he said.

Hofschneider said that passing laws is one thing but enforcing or implementing them is another thing. He said some of his own bills related to public lands signed into law years back have yet to be fully implemented.

Ranked fourth were Speaker Eli Cabrera (R-Saipan), Rep. Ray Yumul (IR-Saipan), and Rep. Ray Tebuteb (IR-Saipan) with five bills each signed into law in the 17th Legislature, whose term will end in early January.

"It's not about the number or quantity but the quality of laws because you can author bills to change street names and they become law. I'm paid as a lawmaker to do the peoples' work, so it's not extraordinary to have bills signed into law," he said, adding that debating the merits of legislation to protect the public's interest is a good measure of an efficient lawmaker.

Among Yumul's bills is one that allows the CNMI government to have access to dormant and inactive bank accounts and unclaimed funds for depositors' accounts. The others included reprogramming and earmarking.

Another freshman lawmaker, Rep. Ralph Demapan (Cov-Saipan), had four bills that became law including the Immigration Reform Act of 2010, the first bill signed into law during the 17th Legislature.

Sen. Juan Ayuyu (Ind-Rota), also a freshman lawmaker, had four bills that became law, along with Rep. Ray Basa (Cov-Saipan). Basa's bills included three budget bills that became the fiscal years 2011, 2012, and 2013 budget laws.

Three bills each that became law were authored by Rep. Sylvester Iguel (R-Saipan), Rep. Trenton Conner (Ind-Tinian), Rep. Edmund Villagomez (Cov-Saipan), and Rep. Joe Palacios (R-Saipan).

Those with two bills that became laws were former representative Diego Benavente who resigned in July 2011, Sen. Ralph Torres (R-Saipan), Sen. Luis Crisostimo (R-Saipan), Vice Speaker Felicidad Ogumoro (R-Saipan), Senate floor leader Pete Reyes (IR-Saipan), Sen. Frank Cruz (R-Tinian), and Sen. Henry San Nicolas (Cov-Tinian).

The following had one bill each that became law: Rep. Fred Deleon Guerrero (R-Saipan), Senate President Paul Manglona (Ind-Rota), House minority leader Joe Deleon Guerrero (IR-Saipan), Rep. Janet Maratita (IR-Saipan), and Rep. Tony Sablan (IR-Saipan).

These do not include local bills, resolutions and legislative initiatives.

Three members of the 17th Legislature also had legislative initiatives that were ratified on Nov. 6: Rep. Frank Dela Cruz (IR-Saipan) with his elected attorney general initiative; House minority leader Joe Deleon Guerrero with his pension obligation bond legislative initiative; and Senate President Paul Manglona with his Northern Marianas College mission statement initiative.

Deleon Guerrero's resolution impeaching Gov. Benigno R. Fitial was also among the most popular in the 17th Legislature but it was defeated by the governor-aligned House leadership. Deleon Guerrero and other members of the new super majority had said that they will re-introduce the impeachment resolution in the 18th Legislature.

CHINA

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Besides hundreds of mostly first-time visitors from the Chinese capital, the inaugural flight will also bring 21 media representatives who will take part in a familiarization tour of the islands, according to Marianas Visitors Authority managing director Perry Tenorio yesterday.

Century Tours, in cooperation with China Eastern, officially started today its series of charter flights using an A330 aircraft with a seating capacity of 295 passengers. Tenorio said MVA has set up a welcoming group from the tourism body led by marketing manager Bruce Bateman. Visitors will also be offered popular leis and *mwars* in addition to special dance performances.

Tenorio reiterated the importance of the new flights from the China market, which represents 14 percent of the Commonwealth's total tourist arrivals. With the additional air seats, he is convinced that this will further boost arrivals in the months ahead. The China market brings more than $150 million in total contributions to the CNMI economy.

The inaugural flight was scheduled for arrival 1:50am today. This is part of the three times weekly regular flights direct from Beijing.

In an earlier interview with Alex Stutely, vice president of Century Tours, he disclosed that as a result of these charter flights, the CNMI will be accommodating about 900 Chinese tourists each week.

Saipan Tribune learned that the thrice weekly Beijing-Saipan service will depart Beijing International Airport every Tuesday, Thursday, and Sunday early in the morning and arrive on Saipan the next day: Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. These charter flights are expected until next year and may be renewed after that.

For Stutely, opening the Beijing market is advantageous to the CNMI because the Chinese economy is still growing and visitors from that market have strong spending power.

This the first time that China Eastern will be operating charter flights at this volume.

At present, Sichuan Airlines is the only one providing regular charter service from China through its four-times-a-week schedule from Shanghai and twice weekly flight from Guangzhou. Century Tours also charters these flights.

This effort to open the Beijing market was led by Century Tours chief executive officer Willie Tan.

Century Tours is a subsidiary of Luen Thai Enterprises. It is a travel and tour service company headquartered in Shanghai and is authorized by the China National Tourism Administration and Marianas Visitors Authority to offer Saipan tourism services to Chinese tourists.

FHB donates $15K to support public library's Bookmobile

CLARISSA V. DAVID
Bob Harrison, First Hawaiian Bank president and chief executive officer, lead other bank executives in presenting a ceremonial check for $15,000 to the Joeten-Kiyu Public Library yesterday in Susupe.

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First Hawaiian Bank donated $15,000 to the Joeten-Kiyu Public Library yesterday to support its Bookmobile and Distance Education and Homework Learning Center.

The substantial donation comes as First Hawaiian Bank celebrates 15 years of service to the Northern Marianas.

Bob Harrison, bank president and chief executive officer, led other bank executives in the presentation ceremony at the library in Susupe.

Harrison said First Hawaiian Bank is very appreciative of how welcoming the CNMI community has been and is also proud to be able to help the CNMI's state library continue its mission to reach more members of the public through its mobile library services.

"This donation represents our continued commitment to the region and our appreciation for the support we have received," said Harrison. "It's been an honor to serve our many loyal customers and we look forward to serving you for generations to come."

Also gracing the event were FHB's Ray Ono, vice chair and chief operating officer; Laura-Lynn Dacanay, senior vice president and Guam/CNMI region manager; Juan SN Lizama, vice president and area manager for Gualo Rai branch; Victoria B. Concepcion, assistant vice president and branch manager for Oleai branch; Library Council chair Herminia Fusco, vice chair Mark Rabauliman, treasurer Soledad Tenorio, secretary Frank Villagomez, and Policy Committee chair Anna Cabrera Baer.

Fusco expressed her gratitude to the bank for selecting the library as its beneficiary this year. "We assure you that every penny of your huge contribution will be invested in direct patron services, programs, and activities that touch the lives of emerging new readers, while strengthening our reach to existing lifelong learners," added Fusco.

Officials in attendance also unveiled the First Hawaiian Bank logo in the library's Bookmobile van.

Govt sued for baby's death at CHC

The parents of a child who was born dead at the Commonwealth Health Center is now suing the CNMI government in Superior Court for wrongful death and accusing it of medical malpractice.

Jotonia B. Aguon and Timothy Cruz are demanding a jury trial in the sudden death of Baby Cruz in 2010 and are seeking unspecified damages.

Court documents state that Jotonia Aguon was admitted to the public hospital on Nov. 10, 2010, for normal delivery.

After several hours of pushing, and despite being alive in the mother's womb, Baby Cruz was later born dead.

"The staff failed to properly monitor Jotonia and the child. There was also an indication that the child had tachycardia [high heart rate] and fetal distress but no efforts were made to give Jotonia a C-section and instead, continuous pushing was encouraged," stated the plaintiffs' counsel, Michael Dotts.

The couple said that the attending physician, Dr. Michael Deary, failed to recognize that the fetus was in distress and failed to perform C-section.

The parents are also suing for medical malpractice, alleging that Jotonia suffered her own injury from the continuous pushing.

The Superior Court directed the government to answer the complaint and gave it 20 days to submit a response. ***(Moneth G. Deposa)***

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CHC brings in a new physical therapist

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The Commonwealth Health Center recently hired a physical therapist, resulting in the revival of the physical therapy department's services for referrals and in-patient clients.

Hospital director Karen Buettner confirmed with *Saipan Tribune* yesterday the hiring of a new physical therapist, bringing the department's PT staff to two.

Cecille Adriano, acting manager of the Physical Therapy Department, in a memorandum issued Wednesday informed all hospital units and departments that the addition of a new physical therapist will now allow the department to re-open its services to referrals and in-patient wards at CHC next week.

The new physical therapist, Jun Marilla, began work on Nov. 7.

"I am pleased to inform you that we will start accepting all wound patients again and referrals from inpatient wards only at the outpatient Physical Therapy Department effective Nov. 19," the memorandum states.

Physical therapy is a healthcare profession primarily concerned with the remediation of impairments and disabilities and the promotion of mobility, functional ability, quality of life and movement potential through examination, evaluation, diagnosis and physical intervention carried out by physical therapist and physical therapist assistants.

Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. CEO Juan N. Babauta earlier told *Saipan Tribune* that the Physical Therapy Department has been losing personnel.

Corporation COO Esther Muna said Wednesday that the corporation's recruitment effort will continue until the organization fills all critical positions at the hospital.

Besides the need for more physical therapists and respiratory therapists, the corporation is looking for more physicians and nurses to ensure the uninterrupted delivery of healthcare service and to address concerns of the federal health department.

Palauans to mark country's independence

The CNMI-Palauan Community Association will hold its 18th Palau Independence Day celebration on Saturday, Nov. 17, 2012, at the Civic Center in Susupe from 10am to 6pm.

All Palauans residing in the CNMI are invited to join and celebrate the 18th anniversary of Palau's independence. There will be entertainment, food, drinks, fun, and games. To make this event successful, all Palauans are invited to come and join.

All Palauan youth are being urged to go to the Civic Center before 8am to help put up decorations. Program starts at 10am, lunch at 12pm, followed by fun and games.

If you have any questions, contact any of the PCA officers: Rufino Aguon at 483-6232, Denis Ngirchongor at 235-4521, Felisa Brel at 788-8115, or Bernice Ravell at 285-4845. ***(PCA)***

Karidat links up with businesses for toy, food drive

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Karidat Social Services will be supported by some local businesses this holiday season.

Executive director Angie Guerrero said yesterday that Lollipops, Saipan Health Clinic, and St. Jude Renal Care pledged to donate toys for the Toys for Tots program, Karidat's toy collection drive every Christmas.

Guerrero said Hyatt Regency Saipan is also donating toys to benefit children at Guma Esperansa, which has already provided the hotel management a list of the children's ages and gender.

She noted, however, that, they have yet to find a major sponsor for Toys for Tots and Karidat is calling for an organization to take the lead and solicit unwrapped toys from other organizations and local businesses.

The toys would be collected and then turned over to Karidat for matching and distribution to its young clients 0 to 11 years old.

"We'll give the parents the unwrapped toys because we want to empower them in the giving part by having them wrap the toys to give to their own kids. Every parent would want to give toys to their kids but they are not able to because of the economy. So this program will help those in the community who are less fortunate," Guerrero told *Saipan Tribune*.

She pointed out that it is usually after Thanksgiving when interested sponsors for Toys for Tots start pouring in.

"I guess you need to feel the spirit of the holidays. Thanksgiving triggers that desire to give and it's very timely because it's all about giving. I'm still very hopeful that it will be a success.

Meanwhile, Guerrero said that Bank Pacific also guaranteed its support for Karidat's food drive, with plans to hand over canned goods and other food items right before Thanksgiving next week.

"We really appreciate the contributions of our sponsors and donors," she said, adding that they will publish a list of all those who made cash and in-kind contributions to Karidat.

Raffle draw

To raise additional money, Karidat has been selling raffle tickets, the winners for which will be drawn at 10am today at the Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center.

The raffle draw was scheduled during Karidat's annual fundraising golf tournament last month, which had to be cancelled due to inclement weather.

Guerrero said they will still be selling the tickets at the raffle draw venue. Tickets cost $1 each and ticket buyers need not be present to win.

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The donation by Briggs & Stratton includes about 850 generators and 500 pressure washers to Red Cross chapters in disaster-prone locations across the United States, Puerto Rico, and the CNMI.

"The generators can supply power at disaster shelters and service centers during relief operations and even power devices within our chapter's offices," said J.D. Tenorio, emergency services director. "We'll use the pressure washers to wash cots, and clean the shelters after disasters and for other cleaning projects."

"When disasters strike, the Red Cross is there helping neighbors and communities, and Briggs & Stratton is proud to be a part of that critical response," said Todd Teske, chairman, president & CEO of Briggs & Stratton Corp.

This represents the second and final shipment Briggs & Stratton will be delivering in 2012. In May, Briggs & Stratton delivered generators and pressure washers along the Atlantic and Gulf Coast in preparation for hurricane season.

These second shipments will go to Red Cross chapters in Alaska, Arkansas, Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, Nevada, New Mexico, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Tennessee, Utah, Washington, West Virginia, and Wyoming. Briggs & Stratton will also be shipping units to American Red Cross territories, in Guam and Saipan.

Through the donation of this equipment, Briggs & Stratton joins other corporate members in the Annual Disaster Giving Program, which enables the Red Cross to respond immediately to the needs of individuals and families impacted by disaster by helping build a reliable funding base for disaster relief services.

Briggs & Stratton Corp., headquartered in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, is the world's largest producer of gasoline engines for outdoor power equipment. Its subsidiary Briggs & Stratton Power Products Group LLC is North America's No. 1 manufacturer of portable generators and pressure washers. ***(ARC)***

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A LOOK BACK AT PAST YEARS' HEADLINES

Nov. 16, 2001

Bush OKs aid for CNMI's water needs

US President George W. Bush signed into law Tuesday night an energy and water development appropriations bill that contains a provision laying the groundwork for future federal assistance for the CNMI's water needs. A provision inserted into House Resolution 2311 sets aside $400,000 for the US Army Corps of Engineers to review the CNMI's plans for improvements to its water system. Once the review is done, the Corps of Engineers will be required to prepare a report and transmit it to the US Congress to be used as a basis for any future assistance that the federal government may extend to the CNMI to improve its water infrastructure.

$3.3M Beach Road sewer project done

A new sewer line project extending from the Toyota Microl intersection in San Jose all the way to the Haraguchi Building in Garapan is now finished and ready to interconnect with all buildings and private homeowners in the area. This was disclosed by Commonwealth Utilities Corp. spokesman Pamela Mathis, who said the new sewer line would go a long way toward ensuring the environmental purity of the lagoon fronting the Beach Road. Besides the line traversing Beach Road, the sewer pipeline also has some lateral lines-smaller pipelines that are installed toward the mountain side to where the small residential areas are, she said.

Nov. 16, 2002

Govt, private firms tie up for Lower Base cleanup

Concerned government agencies and private companies mostly located in Lower Base have vowed to pool efforts for a major cleanup of the industrial site. The project was initiated by the Department of Lands and Natural Resources, an environmental agency holding main offices in Lower Base. Various government agencies that hold offices in the area also committed to join the efforts, sending their representatives in a meeting at the DLNR office Thursday morning. Lands and Natural Resources spokesperson Marianne Teregeyo said these agencies include the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation, which maintains a power plant in the village. The Department of Public Works, the Technical Services Division of which has been the site for storing automotive batteries believed to contain hazardous substances, also vowed to join.

Senate invites Guam leaders to Saipan

Senate members are extending an invitation to newly elected Guam government leaders to visit and relax on Saipan for a brief period, following the past months of frenzied election campaign. □This is to give them an opportunity to take a break from their hectic campaigning and relax in the CNMI, just for a couple of days,□ said Sen. Pete P. Reyes. The Saipan senator requested Senate President Paul A. Mangloña-a high school batch-mate of Guam Gov.-elect Felix Camacho-to confirm as to when it would be convenient for the Guam leaders to visit Saipan.

Nov. 16, 2004

Labor orders probe vs worker, agent

The Department of Labor Hearing Office has ordered an investigation against an alien worker and an employment agent for possible irregularity. Hearing officer Herbert D. Soll issued the instruction as he affirmed the Labor director's decision to deny the permit application filed by employer Victoria Cabrera for worker Sarah G. Gascon. Cabrera filed the application on April 26, 2004, but it was found deficient. On June 15, the Division of Labor issued a deficiency notice, but failed to draw a response from the applicant. The application was finally denied on July 8. An agent, Agnes Guerrero, appealed the denial.

Continental imposes new service fees

Continental Micronesia will implement new service fees for tickets booked via its reservation centers, city ticket offices, or airport ticket counters anywhere in the region. No fee will be charged for booking and ticketing on the airline's website or at airport self-service kiosks. Effective immediately, the carrier will implement an additional $5 fee for tickets purchased via Continental's reservation centers on Guam and the Northern Marianas, and in the Federated States of Micronesia, Marshall Islands, and Palau. A $10 fee will apply to tickets purchased at airport ticket counters and city ticket offices on the islands. "These fees will allow Continental to continue to provide personalized and value-added service to our customers," said Mark Erwin, Continental Micronesia president and chief executive officer.

Yumul wants over $286K re-appropriated to CHC

Rep. Ray Yuml (IR-Saipan) pre-filed yesterday a bill re-appropriating $286,786 of the remaining $140 million bond within the Commonwealth Development Authority to the Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. so that the crisis-laden CHC will be able to buy medical equipment.

Yumul, elected last week to serve as senator in January 2013, said CHC is functioning "with equipment obsolete for our time." He said it is imperative that the government help CHC's growth and long-term survival.

Yumul's bill seeks to use the reprogrammed funds to buy CHC medical equipment for Saipan, Tinian, and Rota.

The bill's pre-filing comes days after the U.S. Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services gave CHC an ultimatum to address laboratory and other deficiencies at the hospital or its Medicare provider agreement will be terminated on Dec. 3.

Outgoing House Speaker Eli Cabrera (R-Saipan) has yet to call a session. Another pending bill seeking to help CHC, Vice Speaker Felicidad Ogumoro's (R-Saipan) "fat tax" bill, has yet to be formally introduced.

Ogumoro's bill levies a "fat" tax of 5 percent on at least 30 consumer goods.

House Bill 17-320 or the Health Care Impact Tax Act seeks to achieve two goals: Help CHC pay off a $4.58 million debt to MPLT and "combat the growing problem of obesity" in the CNMI. ***(Haidee V. Eugenio)***

No voter fraud found

An allegation of potential voter fraud was reported to the Commonwealth Election Commission on Election Day and it was referred to the Office of the Attorney General ("OAG") and the Office of the Public Auditor ("OPA"). Investigators from both the OAG and the OPA conducted a joint investigation of the allegation. After a thorough investigation, the investigators determined that the allegation arose from an error made by an election poll worker—the poll worker mistakenly crossed out the name of the wrong voter. According to the investigators, the poll worker made an honest mistake, and the voter did not intend to represent herself as someone she was not. The investigators concluded that there was no fraud involved in the incident. ***(Office of the Attorney General)***

WEEKEND PERFORMANCES CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

The TWPI production of the musical *WORKING* will be staged today and tomorrow, Nov. 16 and 17 at pm and Sunday at 3pm at the Multi-Purpose Center. There will be a discussion about American labor and the themes presented in the play after the Sunday matinee. Tickets cost $8 for adults and $5 for students and are available both from cast and at the door. Photo above shows student director Matthew Lopez working with cast member Annabel Manzo.

BIRTHDAY SHOUTOUTS

Happy first birthday greetings go out to Marisa Lilsang Kesolei Muña! With lots of love from Ron, Laurel, and RJ.

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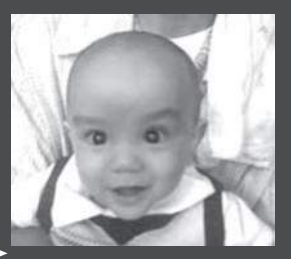

Happy first birthday to Franko Ray Crisostimo Tudela, who is celebrating his special day today, Nov. 16. May the Lord fill your life with many, many blessings! We love you! Greetings come from Mom, Dad, Jr., Draven, Nina Reina, Auntie Shar, Grandma and Grandpa Crisostimo.

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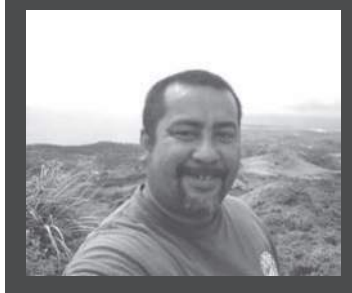

Happy birthday to Paul Joseph Lisua! May God bless you with many more birthdays to come. Greetings come from Eling Seman (Brian, Justin, AJ, RJ, JD, Princy, JP) and the rest of the families.

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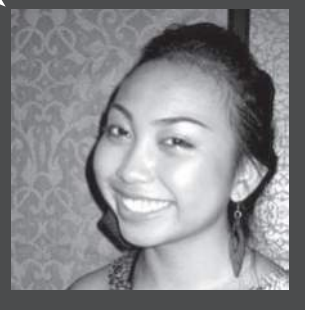

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Seize opportunity for immigration reform

So many great opportunities have come and gone to attain real progress on comprehensive immigration reform. President George W. Bush, a staunch reform supporter, spent significant political capital to advance a package in Congress in 2007. Despite bipartisan support in both houses, Bush's effort failed.

President Barack Obama also failed in his first term, despite having a Democratic majority in both houses during his first two years. Many would argue that he really didn't even try.

One thing is clear from last week's national election: Hispanics now play a swing role in national politics, and politicians who ignore that fact do so at their own peril.

GOP leaders are wasting no time in softening their party's message about comprehensive immigration reform and calling an end to mean-mouthed, anti-immigrant rhetoric.

"It's just time to get the job done. … What I'm talking about is a common-sense, step-by-step approach to secure our borders, allow us to enforce the laws and fix a broken immigration system," House Speaker John Boehner said last week.

A growing chorus of conservatives is declaring its willingness to make this happen, even though tea party stalwarts will no doubt stomp their feet and insist that no deal occur until the U.S.-Mexico border is secure.

That is not the only potential roadblock. Boehner made clear that a deal won't happen unless the president leads, and he's right. Obama cannot continue to relegate this to backburner status.

Reform is not a slam dunk on the Democratic side, however. Entrenched interests linked to organized labor have long been leery of immigration measures that could threaten hard-fought gains on the minimum wage. Some of those same labor interests were instrumental, particularly in Ohio, in handing Obama his victory last Tuesday. Do Democrats dare risk alienating those voters to address immigration?

Both parties have something to lose and something to gain. But they must stop viewing immigration reform as a political calculation and start viewing it for what it is: the right thing to do.

This newspaper favors a comprehensive package that includes improved border security and an expanded guest-worker program that allows U.S. businesses to fill short-term vacancies in low-skilled jobs such as farm harvesting and restaurant work—jobs that American workers have shown little interest in filling.

We favor strict workplace enforcement to ensure that U.S. jobs go only to those who immigrate legally. There must also be a strong incentive to encourage the estimated 12 million immigrants residing here illegally to emerge from the shadows. That incentive is a tough but fair pathway to legalization.

The time is now for action, not excuses. Both parties must instill discipline, silence the naysayers and make comprehensive immigration reform a reality.

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Analysis: Election 2012

By JOHN DELROSARIO
Special to the Saipan Tribune

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Voters clearly and powerfully nuked Republicans by throwing most of them out of office in a resounding historical mandate last week.

Whatever your view, two narratives definitely reflect voters' sentiment: Corruption in government and a disastrously listless economy—the latter has been and still is critically hemorrhaging like a hemophiliac under Gov. Benigno Fitial's charge.

Both are clear mandates for Independent-Republicans to resolve. We shall see what kind of steel they are made of, clearing a mountain of mess piled by this administration. Partisan acrimony is at its peak while the sentiment of voters on leadership is at subterranean low.

The Fitial Republicans ignored red signs on their radar screen: Call it "Fitialcare"—power plant deal—that would saddle taxpayers and employers with more than their share of fees and taxes. In their self-induced coma, the "ten" decided to treat the governor like a virgin in a bordello. They ignored the greater question: With deepening economic meltdown and ruination of posterity's future, is there room left to maneuver with impunity doing what it does best—ignore the livelihood of governance?

Too, would not this deal force the final shutdown of private industries? How does this administration work up new revenue streams when it's incapable of guiding policy formulation conducive to investments? This and other issues are indelibly in the minds of young voters yelling loudly, "*No mas*!"

In DC there's serious concern about the Fiscal Cliff. Here we're already victims of Fitial Cliff that would turn for the worse when the CNMI begins paying for Fitialcare—power plant deal—costing $2.3 billion. Yep! Start playing "Help!" by the four lads from Liverpool.

Shift in demography

Now, if you look at the trend of votes and where it landed, it's obvious that most of it went to Independent-Republicans. It did a huge slam-dunk of 12 for 12! The Covenant and Republican came in a distant four apiece. Not a very encouraging trend when taking an overview of future contests. In fact, both have fallen flat on their faces singing with discordant notes, "Another One Bites the Dust!"

How pleasant to see young voters holding sway in favor of Independent-Republicans. It means, the IR had a message that resonated well with this group of voters. They've embraced a call for reinstatement of a government of laws and rebuilding the economic foundation of these isles. It's a well-stated mandate and the only sure way to retrieving and securing their future.

It feels humbling that our young people have clearly grasped the enormity and dire consequences of negligence in government. Some are siblings of retired folks whose paychecks hang in the balance by March 2014. Some have seen the hardship their parents had to endure as Medicaid recipients who were temporarily denied their medication. This is because the governor was on his way to a meeting in American Samoa about coral reefs and a ballgame in Idaho.

If I may reiterate, the issues before us are significant and daunting. It obviates the question: How do we address our current crises that require rigorous and principle-based leadership? Disagreement, rather than being an inconvenience, is an essential reflection of the public mood. Hard-nosed bargaining is necessary in a democracy. Leadership and compromise are essential components of any deliberative discussion, neither of which meant anything to this administration.

Reagan once said, "In the prevailing crises, government is not the solution, but the problem." What lies ahead could mean swift impeachment, the one word that keeps dripping from the lips of Independent Republicans. Anyway, most folks know the issues that will require unprecedented economic insight, policy vision, and very skilled political leadership—all qualities in short supply in this administration.

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Finding self

The resounding rebuke of Republicans brings into focus whether it could ever find itself again. The devastation is near total and it's hard placing several million pieces of a broken glass puzzle together. Too, it's hard crawling on broken glass to find out which piece fits where.

The GOP needs to do mountainside retreat, sipping one of its infamous homogenized, pasteurized or silk milk. It needs some quiet meditation to dwell on its thwarted ambition, self-destructing decision, blocking impeachment that finally reined in quick political irrelevancy.

Of course, none of them is brimming with "what-didn't-kill-you-will-make-you-a-stronger-spirit" stuff either. Nah! Most are busy tucking their oversized tails between their fat legs.

Reconstituting a disintegrated party is a monumental task. It's especially hard when its head and chief architect of disunity has severed relations with allies in recent past. Then there's the inevitable curse of a second term. It's no Sunday picnic either. It's more like self-destruction!

High vs village roads

Usually, I'd take the high road on controversies if only to secure some

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A snug harbor

By ED STEPHENS
Special to the Saipan Tribune

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As Saipan's emotional cauldron of politics, anger, and contention hits a fast boil, I'll note that the holidays are here. Yep, they snuck up on us. The holidays are what I call a "behavior amplifier." They serve to make happy people happier, angry people angrier, and, well, you get the idea. So Saipan's bitter feuds and rivalries, always running high even in the best of times, are going to be mighty touchy this time around.

Well, I'm not part of that gig. As for the holidays, I always enjoy thinking about them. Maybe that's why holidays exist: to let us enjoy thinking about the holidays when the holidays roll around. Talk about self-reinforcing logic.

I'll admit I'm a sucker for the holidays. Do you ever wonder who buys all the gimmicks with holiday themes? I'm talking about the Halloween towels with embroidered spiders, the kitschy Thanksgiving turkey-theme bookshelf statues, the Santa Claus memo pads, and all the rest of it.

I buy it. That's who.

For me, the span from Halloween to New Year's classifies as "holidays." I spent most of my young 'un days in a cold climate. Memories of the crisp, cool winds of autumn stir my blood. I have to say that a maple tree turning color is every bit as pretty as a flame tree showing its stuff.

I spent one high-seas Thanksgiving aboard a ship that wasn't American crewed. We had fish head soup for dinner. I am not a connoisseur of fish head soup. However, my shipmates had practiced palates and they thought it was excellent. So I was thankful that if I'm going to have fish head soup for Thanksgiving, at least I'm having really good fish head soup.

As for Christmas, it's fashionable to dismiss it as a child's holiday. Well, it's for the kids, I'll admit, but I think I like it as much now as I ever did. Why not?

A minor family scandal is that my wife and I once had McDonald's for Christmas dinner. I had been on the road for a long time, was back home with the wife, and hadn't even unpacked my bag before I realized it was Christmas.

As always, my wife had planned well in advance for the family's needs, and there was a large (as in, 100 people) extended-family gathering for the event. Everybody except us was there, but I was too tired to go. So, what the heck, let's just go to McDonald's, I said. It worked out perfectly, and 50 minutes later I was back home asleep.

I'm very lucky that I never had to spend a holiday in a combat zone or in a foxhole. By contrast, military members from the Commonwealth are shouldering very difficult duty for these holidays, and they continue to earn my respect, along with my wishes for a speedy and safe return home.

Meanwhile, I'll admit that I feel downright old when I realize I do old-people stuff for holidays. For example, by July I've already bought half the stuff I need to buy. My grandmother used to do that. I thought she must have been off her rocker. I mean, who thinks about Christmas shopping in July?

On a similar note, if I'm going to travel, I make reservations as early as possible. Forget youthful spontaneity, I want my AAA discount and a solid schedule, preferably cast in granite and triple-insured by Lloyd's of London. Hotels seem to live by their own, unfathomable laws of physics, so I'm not one to try to anticipate their moves or to play chronological brinksmanship with them. Some are perfectly happy to sit with a zero percent occupancy rate because they didn't drop their prices, but they'll make up for it by adding $5 to the cost of steaks that nobody is eating in the restaurant that is empty. You can't fight logic like that.

I also take maximum advantage of the holidays to be around people I enjoy being around. The reciprocal is that I am maximally efficient about avoiding people I don't enjoy being around. Maybe this is more old guy behavior, eh? If so, fine with me.

You can be sure that the yearly observations on "holiday stress" will make the rounds of Saipan and elsewhere, and Saipan has already got of stressed-out folks to begin with.

Well, if you don't want to get wound up in Saipan's stress, you can, as always, come to this column on Fridays. It's a snug harbor, sheltered from politics and contention. So just bring a beach chair and sit right down. Oh, and while you're opening the cooler, would you pass another cold one this way? Cheers, and here's to a Happy Thanksgiving.

Post-election dos and don'ts for conservatives

By CATHY YOUNG
NEWSDAY

There's no question that this past election has been a major defeat for Republicans. Not only did the Democrats keep the White House, but more Americans voted Democratic than Republican in congressional elections, with the Republicans keeping control of the House only thanks to post-2010 redistricting tilted in their favor.

But is this, as many conservatives lament, a crushing defeat for the principles of liberty and small government?

No. Those ideas have widespread currency, and their proponents have a vital role to play in the political process if they heed a few dos and don'ts.

Such as:

Don't use the election results to caricature millions of Americans as "moochers" and parasites who want "free stuff." Very few people who voted for Barack Obama fit into that category. (Incidentally, Obama got the votes of 44 percent of people with annual incomes exceeding $200,000 a year.) Most Obama voters want jobs, as well as a basic safety net that can help them through difficult times and provide necessities that the market, at present, often cannot provide for the middle class on its own—above all, health care.

Proponents of small government need to make a convincing case that their ideas can accomplish this goal.

Don't believe the hype about Americans turning to socialism. Small-government ideas may have actually gotten more popular during the Obama years: According to CNN polls, the share of Americans who agree that the government does too many things that should be left to businesses and individuals went up from 51 percent in 2008 to nearly 63 percent last year.

In exit polls this year, 53 percent of voters agreed with this view, while only 41 percent thought government should do more. Yet nearly one-fifth of those who took the small-government view voted for Obama, which clearly made a difference in this election.

Don't underestimate the importance of social issues to pro-liberty voters. To many men and women who cherish individual freedom, the Republicans were not the party of small government but the party of intrusive government that would ban abortions, discriminate against gays and deport illegal immigrants who have spent most of their lives in this country as productive citizens.

The immigration issue, in particular, is one on which free-market proponents have long dissented from the Conservative Party line, and which has now become a recognized liability for Republicans.

Don't dwell on laissez-faire utopias, and do focus on realistic goals. Some form of the welfare state is all but universally accepted by Americans today—including tea party members who support Social Security and Medicare. Only 25 percent of voters backed full repeal of Obama's health care law.

Yet it's also clear that the scope of welfare and entitlement programs will have to be reconsidered, for both pragmatic and principled reasons. The health care law, too, may be open to revisions, including those that pare its more bureaucracy-heavy features. But reform initiatives will be much more palatable if they aren't accompanied by every-man-for-himself rhetoric.

Do build bridges to liberals who claim to share some small-government ideas. Elizabeth Warren, the Massachusetts senator-elect whom many conservatives see as a hard-left ideologue, has spoken of championing small business over large Wall Street corporations (which have often been beneficiaries of corporate welfare). Pro-liberty conservatives should seek to enlist her aid in easing the regulatory burden on small business—a good test of her sincerity on the issue.

Don't demonize the other side. People with different views of the role of government are fellow Americans with different ideas, not the enemy.

Cathy Young is a regular contributor to Reason *magazine and the website RealClearPolitics. This was written for* Newsday.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Thank you for your support

Hafa adai, tirow and good day to the people of the Commonwealth and most especially the residents of Precinct 3.

I congratulate the 75-percent voter turnout for a strong showing and for making sure that you were heard. To those candidates who won an elected seat, I congratulate you also and pray that our people's confidence will be restored through your ability to develop a clear-minded and united agenda through your dedication and commitment to healing our Commonwealth.

To all of those who supported my bid for a seat in the House, it is with the utmost humility that I wish to extend my greatest thanks for your confidence and your vote. As many people know, I took the chance to run for office so that we, the voters, have more choices in this midterm election. While I may not have been elected to office, the people have found their silent power through their right to vote and made a very loud statement. For this I extend the greatest respect to all of you.

You have selected your leaders, but the responsibility does not end here. This is only the beginning and your continued strength, courage, and commitment is needed to help keep our leaders focused and accountable. My wish at this time is that all of those who silently spoke up will continue participating to help make sure that we have a prosperous and healthy future for many generations to come.

This year's election was very important to the future of the Commonwealth as the time for change has been upon us for too long and we have not managed to get over the top of the hill. We are nearing the crest now and while the election is behind us, we need to work together to make sure we keep moving forward.

Ignacio Villagomez Cabrera
I-Agag, Saipan

Renew Walter Manglona's contract!

Mr. Faisao, it will be in the best interest of the *man'amko* to renew Mr. Walter Manglona's contract due to his stellar job performance (as per the *man'amko*) and his established trust with the *man'amko* (so integral in any client/staff relationship!). Furthermore, Mr. Manglona appears to have the *man'amko*'s cooperation regarding the present project (Christmas album). So my question to you, Mr. Faisao, is why on earth would you not renew his contract? Unless you have a hidden agenda, an ulterior motive that neither supports nor stimulates any *man'amko* objective.

In Mr. Manglona you have a person who is dedicated to making a positive and meaningful impact in the lives of our *man'amko*! So please Mr. Faisao, do reconsider your decision and not allow your personal biases and motives against Mr. Manglona to come forth! Evaluate him based on his job performance and he's clients' outlook! *Si yu'us ma'ase.*

Gus Maratita
Sinapalo I, Rota

Another Betty Johnson

I am NOT the Betty Johnson that is suing the CNMI Retirement Fund. That Betty Johnson does not reside on Saipan anymore. I am Betty Hamilton Johnson. I have never been employed by the CNMI government and I currently reside on Saipan. I hope that clears things up with anyone who is wondering if it's me. Thank you.

Betty H. Johnson
Via email

ANALYSIS

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sense of civility, overview, and analyzed perspectives on issues. It's the forest over the trees, so to speak.

But it is at the village level where the true sentiments of the simple village folks come out wrapped in the truth of real life experiences. I mean, how do we refute sentiments about postponement of Medicaid matching funds that prevents recipients receiving critical medication and healthcare? While this side of the argument isn't necessarily right, it's the obvious lack of urgency and compassion from the big chief on the hill that infuriated folks everywhere.

Medical referral requires hard fiscal decisions. Do we continue it or must we explain to our people that the cost of chronic and catastrophic illnesses requiring off-island medical attention must be borne by the patient or family? Staying healthy is a right. It requires proactive means from the self to stay healthy. Having other taxpayers pay for specialty medical attention off-island isn't a right. Not by a long shot!

Folks who move in and out of underemployment and unemployment look at the likelihood of losing the first family home, given the instability of job security triggered by disastrous economic conditions here. Like paying for hefty government debts, economic landscape shifts where we can't even pay for normal obligations. So it's another issue that new leadership must contend with in 2013.

There's obviously the need to cut spending, including major reform to the Fund so it retains sustainability on its own. But do politicians have the resolve to buckle down to principle-based reasoning, shaving off a mountain of debt versus the huge decline in revenues and how scarce resources are shared. Mandate for the right changes? Yep! It's up to the IR to find common ground on this and other issues.

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The Weather

5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
Partly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 10 to 20 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 10 to 20 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
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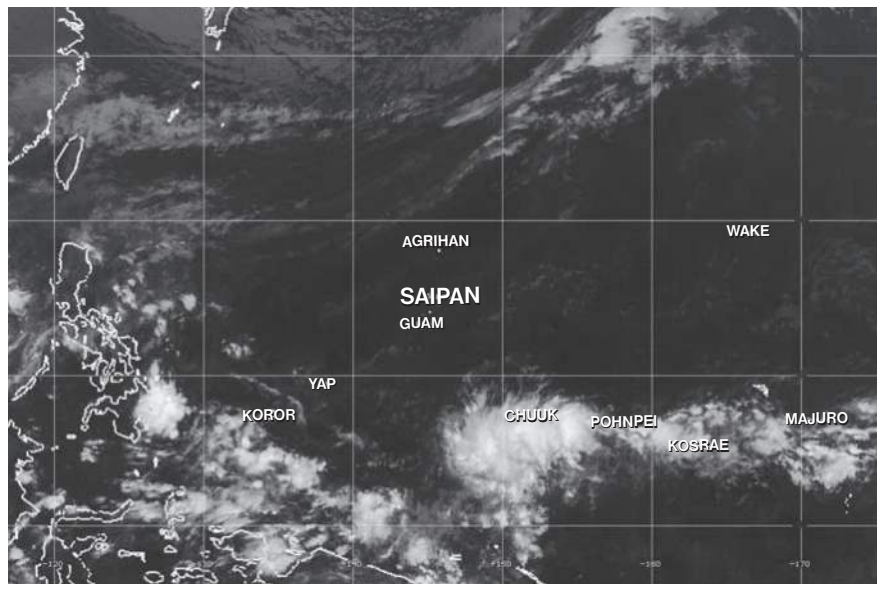
Micronesia

Guam and Rota	Thundershowers	▲88	▼79
Palau	Showers	▲86	▼75
Yap	Thunderstorms	▲91	▼77
Chuuk	Showers	▲87	▼77
Pohnpei	Showers	▲88	▼75
Kosrae	Showers	▲88	▼75
Majuro	Thunderstorms	▲87	▼80

Around The Globe

Auckland	Showers	▲64	▼56
Beijing	Sunny	▲50	▼28
Hong Kong	Showers	▲72	▼68
Honolulu	Partly Cloudy	▲82	▼72
London	Partly Cloudy	▲51	▼45
Los Angeles	Partly Cloudy	▲67	▼54
Manila	Partly Cloudy	▲88	▼78
Melbourne	Cloudy	▲65	▼50
Miami	Mostly Sunny	▲80	▼66
New York	Mostly Sunny	▲51	▼35
Osaka	Showers	▲59	▼52
Paris	Fog	▲51	▼37
Pusan	Showers	▲59	▼41
Rome	Sunny	▲65	▼48
Salem	Partly Cloudy	▲56	▼49
San Francisco	Showers	▲63	▼58
Seoul	Sunny	▲46	▼33
Tokyo	Showers	▲61	▼49
Washington, DC	Sunny	▲55	▼38

Yesterday's Satellite Image



PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2012
Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

A shear line extends southwestward from east of Iwo To at 25N150E to 17N130E. Cloudiness and patchy rain are along and up to 200 miles northwest of the shear line. A near-equatorial trough extends eastward from 3N130E to a weak circulation centered south of Chuuk at 2N151E. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms are present with trough and circulation from near Koror to south of Chuuk or south of a line from 12N130E to 8N140E to 4N145E to 2N155E. Trade-wind convergence is producing scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms across Chuuk, Pohnpei, Kosrae and the Marshalls within 210 miles of a line from 6N150E to 7N180. A surface trough northeast of Wake Island extends from 22N173E to beyond 25N177E. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms exist north of a line from 19N175E to 20N180.

Tides

Saipan Harbor

3:01 AM	Today	Low Tide:	0.7 Feet
10:02 AM	Today	High Tide:	2.1 Feet
3:32 PM	Today	Low Tide:	1.2 Feet
8:24 PM	Today	High Tide:	2.1 Feet

Sunrise/Sunset

Today	6:19 AM	5:44 PM
Saturday	6:20 AM	5:44 PM
Sunday	6:20 AM	5:44 PM
Monday	6:21 AM	5:44 PM
Tuesday	6:21 AM	5:44 PM

Moonrise/Moonset

Today	8:28 AM	8:08 PM
Saturday	9:28 AM	9:11 PM
Sunday	10:23 AM	10:12 PM
Monday	11:13 AM	11:09 PM
Tuesday	11:59 AM	

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DEPARTURES

SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)

UA5070	4:35am	5:25am	2, 4, 6, 7
UA5062	4:40am	5:30am	1, 3, 5
UA5068	8:25am	9:15am	Daily
UA5074	11:10am	12:00pm	1, 4, 5, 7
UA5076	3:10pm	4:00pm	Daily
UA5078	6:55pm	7:45pm	Daily
UA5072	9:45pm	10:35pm	Daily

SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK)

MU7108	2:50am	5:55am	1, 3, 5

SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)

DL287	6:00am	8:40am	Daily
DL297	4:25pm	7:20pm	Daily

SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)

OZ606	2:10am	6:00am	1
OZ606	2:40am	6:30am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
OZ604	3:20pm	7:10pm	Daily

SAIPAN (SPN)-PUSAN (BUS)

UZ608	3:10am	6:20am	4, 7

SAIPAN-GUANZHOU (CAN)

3U8646	4:20am	7:30am	2, 6

SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)

3U8648	6:10am	8:40am	1, 4, 5, 7

SAIPAN-VLADIVOSTOK (VVO)

VLK1734	2:00am	8:15am	5 every other week

SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)

OZ606/701	2:10am	11:15am	1
OZ606/701	2:40am	11:15am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
UA5070/191	4:35am	9:55am	3, 6 via GUM
DL287/173	6:00am	10:20pm	Daily via NRT
UA5076/183	3:10pm	9:25pm	2, 5 via GUM
UA5076/183	3:10pm	9:45pm	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM
OZ604/703	3:20pm	11:00pm	Daily via ICN
UA5072/PR111	9:55pm	7:50am+1	1, 3, 5, 6, 7 via GUM

SAIPAN-HONG KONG (HKG)

OZ606/721	2:10am	11:50am	1 via ICN
OZ606/721	2:40am	11:50am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
UA5076/147	3:10pm	10:30pm	1, 5 via GUM
OZ604/749	3:20pm	11:20pm	Daily via ICN

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GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN

UA 5069	2:45am	3:35am	2, 4, 6, 7
UA5071	7:05am	7:55am	Daily
UA5073	9:50am	10:40am	Daily
UA5075	1:45pm	2:35pm	1, 4, 5, 7
UA5077	5:35pm	6:25pm	Daily
UA5079	8:20pm	9:10pm	Daily

BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN

MU7107	6:30pm	1:50am+1	2, 4, 7

NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN

DL298	10:25am	3:00pm	Daily
DL288	8:40pm	1:15am+1	Daily

SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN

OZ603	9:00am	2:20pm	Daily
OZ605	7:40pm	1:00am+1	7
OZ605	8:10pm	1:30am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6

PUSAN (BUS)-SAIPAN (SPN)

OZ607	9:35pm	2:25am+1	3, 6

GUANZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN

3U8645	7:40pm	3:00am+1	1, 5

SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN

3U8647	10:40pm	5:00am+1	3, 4, 6, 7

VLADIVOSTOK (VVO)-SAIPAN

VLK1733	8:00pm	12:05am+1	4 every other week

MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN

OZ704/603	12:10am	2:20pm	Daily via ICN
OZ702/605	12:10pm	1:30am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
DL172/288	8:00am	1:15am+1	Daily via NRT
UA190/5077	10:55am	6:25pm	3, 6 via GUM
UA190/5079	10:55am	9:10pm	3, 6 via GUM
UA702/605	12:30pm	1:30am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
UA702/605	12:30pm	1:30am+1	7 via ICN
PR110/UA5071	10:10pm	8:00am+1	1, 3, 5, 6, 7 via GUM
UA184/5071	10:55pm	7:55am+1	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM
UA184/5071	11:59pm	7:55am+1	2, 5 via GUM

HONG KONG (HKG)-SAIPAN

OZ746/603	12:30am	2:20pm	Daily via ICN
OZ724/605	1:50pm	1:00am+1	7 via ICN
OZ724/605	1:50pm	1:30am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
UA180/5073	11:25pm	10:40am+1	1, 5 via GUM

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Airline	ETD	ETA	Frequency
Guam–Rota			
FRE 100	7:30	8:00	Daily
Rota–Saipan			
FRE 100	8:20	8:50	Daily
Guam–Rota			
FRE 300	17:00	17:30	Daily
Rota–Saipan	17:50	18:20	Daily
Saipan–Rota			
FRE 200	9:30	10:00	Daily
Rota–Guam	10:20	10:45	Daily
Saipan–Rota			
FRE 400	18:55	19:25	Daily
Rota–Guam			
FRE 400	19:40	20:10	Daily
Saipan–Tinian			
FRE 101	6:45	6:55	Daily
FRE 103	7:30	7:40	Daily
FRE 105	8:00	8:10	Daily
FRE 107	8:40	8:50	Daily
FRE 109	9:10	9:20	Daily
FRE 111	10:45	10:55	Daily

Airline	ETD	ETA	Frequency
FRE 115	13:00	13:10	Daily
FRE 117	14:30	14:40	Daily
FRE 119	16:00	16:10	Daily
FRE 121	16:40	16:50	Daily
FRE 123	17:40	17:50	Daily
FRE 125	18:30	18:40	Daily
Tinian–Saipan			
FRE 102	7:05	7:15	Daily
FRE 104	7:50	8:00	Daily
FRE 106	8:20	8:30	Daily
FRE 108	9:00	9:10	Daily
FRE 110	10:00	10:10	Daily
FRE 112	11:05	11:15	Daily
FRE 114	12:00	12:10	Daily
FRE 116	13:30	13:40	Daily
FRE 118	14:50	15:00	Daily
FRE 120	16:20	16:30	Daily
FRE 122	17:00	17:10	Daily
FRE 124	18:05	18:15	Daily
FRE 126	18:50	19:00	Daily

Hyatt to host benefit dinner for Autism Society of the CNMI

By CLARISSA V. DAVID
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REPORTER

In celebration of its 32nd anniversary, Hyatt Regency Saipan will host a benefit dinner for the Autism Society of the CNMI.

The event will be held at Giovanni's restaurant and begin at 6pm on Saturday, Dec. 1. The course dinner costs $100 per person, and Club at the Hyatt members can enjoy a discounted rate of $80.

Michael Wilson, Food and Beverage director, said that Hyatt Regency Saipan takes pride in this the benefit dinner as part of the international hotel brand's corporate responsibility platform called Hyatt Thrive.

"Hyatt Thrive is designed to help make our communities places where our associates are proud to work, our guests want to visit, our neighbors want to live and owners want to invest. We would be working with the Autism Society of the CNMI and it's a very good cause," he told *Saipan Tribune*.

The Autism Society of the CNMI has been providing support and information about autism, as well as promoting, protecting, and advocating for the rights of all individuals living in the Commonwealth with autism or related spectrum disorders or other disabilities.

Wilson said the benefit will feature the culinary creations of Hyatt Regency Saipan's team of highly skilled chef de cuisines with their executive chef at the forefront.

Chef Joe Deleon Guerrero will be in charge of the appetizer, which is a trio of seared *ahi* tuna, *kaiware*, soy bean wrap, basil Caesar dressing, crispy avocado, cherry tomato chutney, pepper beef tenderloin, and citrus micro arugula.

For the soup, Chef Blake Carothers will be preparing saffron thyme broth, *onaga* snapper, cannellini beans, and Pernod essence.

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Retire smart, start a business through SBDC

The CNMI Small Business Development Center, under the Department of Commerce, is encouraging defined benefit members who are withdrawing retirement contributions to invest their funds and plan for their retirement.

Starting a small business may be an investment option and the SBDC office, with all its available networks, is available for all business start-up consultation needs.

According to SBDC director Perry Inos, the agency has been working through outreach and business-to-business networking to create economic impact for the benefit of the CNMI.

"Through our local office services (consultancies, trainings, and networks), SBDC has four businesses that started, three that expanded, over 12 jobs were created, over eight jobs were retained, $75,000 in business loans were obtained, and $120,000 of owner's capital invested in business ventures," Inos said.

SBDC is funded by the partnership of Guam Pacific Islands Small Business Development Network, the U.S. Small Business Administration, Commonwealth Development Authority, and Commerce. That means resources are available at no cost.

"Our network is pre-paid for the public and we highly encourage everyone to please make use of our services and contact us for all your business needs," said Casey Jeszenka, director of the Guam – PISBDCN, and responsible in maintaining the SBDC accreditation in the entire Pacific region west of Hawaii.

Commerce deputy secretary Ivan Blanco echoes Inos: "Visiting our office is a win-win situation as we will provide you with proper resources to develop a clear and thoughtfully written business plan to assist you on your investment decision, as it will provide you (at a minimum) an optional guided path to success."

Some consultation services include, *How to Write a Business Plan, How to Market Your Product, How to Write a Financial Statement* as well as startup assistance, business planning, financing and capital, business expansion, and buying and selling a business.

To request for counseling, register online at pisbdcn.ecenterdirect.com or contact SBDC at 664-3018 and set an appointment through Linda Cabrera at linda@pacificsbdc.com. The SBDC office hours are from Monday to Friday, 7:30am-4:30pm.

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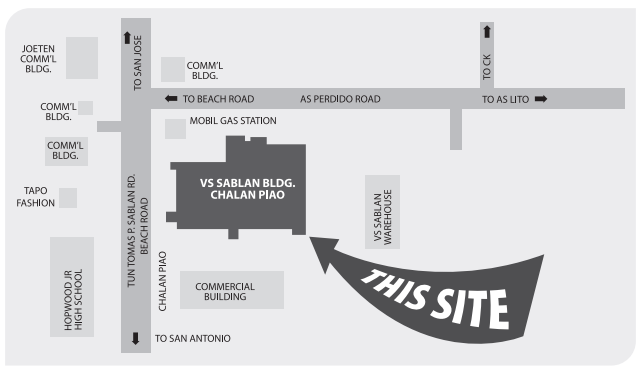

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Diners will end the night on a sweet note with Chef Desman Tumangger's mango praline iced soufflé, amaretto chocolate lava dome, mint coulis, and Bottega flavored grappas.

Wilson noted that the benefit dinner will coincide with Hyatt Regency Saipan's annual holiday tradition, the Christmas tree lighting ceremony at the hotel lobby.

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During the ceremony, Wilson said guests would be treated to pre-dinner drinks and a delightful starter of marinated salmon on shimeji mushroom, sesame crusted scallop with ponzu dip, smoked duck breast and plum skewer by Chef Kazunori Fukuda.

Guests can then walk down the magically lit pathway to Giovanni's for the benefit dinner, which will be matched with Entwine wines, the event's sponsor.

"It's an evening of great entertainment, great food, great wine, and fantastic memories so we encourage everybody to come along and support the Autism Society," said Wilson.

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

IN RE THE MATTER OF THE PETITION TO TERMINATE PARENT AND CHILD RELATIONSHIP FOR: C.S.S., A Minor Child.	**FCD PA CIVIL ACTION NO. 12-0439**
By: Sophia Angelina Sablan	**AMENDED NOTICE OF HEARING FOR ORDER ON PETITION TO TERMINATE PARENTAL RIGHTS**

COMES NOW, the Petitioner through counsel Robert T. Torres, Esq., in the above-captioned matter, is hereby scheduled for the Notice of Hearing for Order on Petition to Terminate Parental Rights on **December 3, 2012 at 1:30 p.m.**

Dated this 10th day of November, 2012.

/s/ Clerk of Court

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How to file an auto claim

When you have been in a car accident or your car has been vandalized, it is important to understand the steps toward filing an auto claim with your insurance company. While filing a claim may seem confusing at first, you will find that your insurance company's claims processor or adjuster will try his best to ensure the claims process is simple and painless.

STEP ONE: Filing a claim

Upon filing a claim, there is a good chance that you may be under emotional and physical stress from the accident. The rule of thumb is to calm down and recall the details of the events prior, during, and after the accident and write them down. If you were able to take photos of the accident, exchange names and phone numbers, or gathered important evidence that may help speed the claims process have them prepared and ready to present.

STEP TWO: Dealing with a claims adjuster

When you purchase insurance, you deal with an insurance underwriter. When filing a claim, you deal with a claims adjuster.

In most cases, your insurance company's claims adjuster would need to physically see the damage you claim firsthand. In addition to a visual and physical inspection, you will be asked to complete a driver's statement form and provide documents that will help support the statements given. These documents may include police reports, notes taken during the accident, and photos taken after the accident.

If there were other parties involved, the claims adjuster would request to meet all parties. Regardless of who was at fault, all involved parties will be asked to go through the same claims procedures.

Your auto claim does not always mean that you were involved in a car accident. If you purchased comprehensive and collision coverage, an auto claim can also be filed when your car has been vandalized or damaged by a natural disaster.

STEP 3: Determining who was at fault and the extent of damage

After the claims adjuster has gathered all pertinent data and met with all parties involved, the decision to determine coverage will come next. Completing the claims process does not always mean that there will be coverage. If you were involved in an accident where you were found at fault, other factors are considered. A claims adjuster would need to verify whether there was an active policy during the accident, proof driver was not under the influence of alcohol beyond acceptable limits (for collision coverage), and the existence of a valid driver's license (for collision coverage).

If the scenario were a two-car collision, your insurance company would work closely with the insurance company of the other party to determine and decide on the party at fault. After reaching a consensus, the insurance company of the party at fault would gather no less than two quotations from two separate certified auto repair shops for repair of damage from the innocent party (or the party not at fault) and from their insured, if there was collision coverage.

If there were bodily injuries reported, the insurance company of the party at fault would be held responsible for medical expenses up to policy limits.

Cost of damage to vehicles exceeding its value would be determined a total loss at which time, in most cases, a cash settlement for the value of the vehicle at total loss will be offered.

FINAL STAGE: Closing a claim

You should feel more at ease when reaching the final stage of the claims process. This is the stage when claims payments are made for covered property damage and medical expenses for injuries. Because some hospitals and clinics lag in their billing processes, insurance companies may entertain additional billings even after a claim has been closed if services rendered were for injuries resulting from the covered accident.

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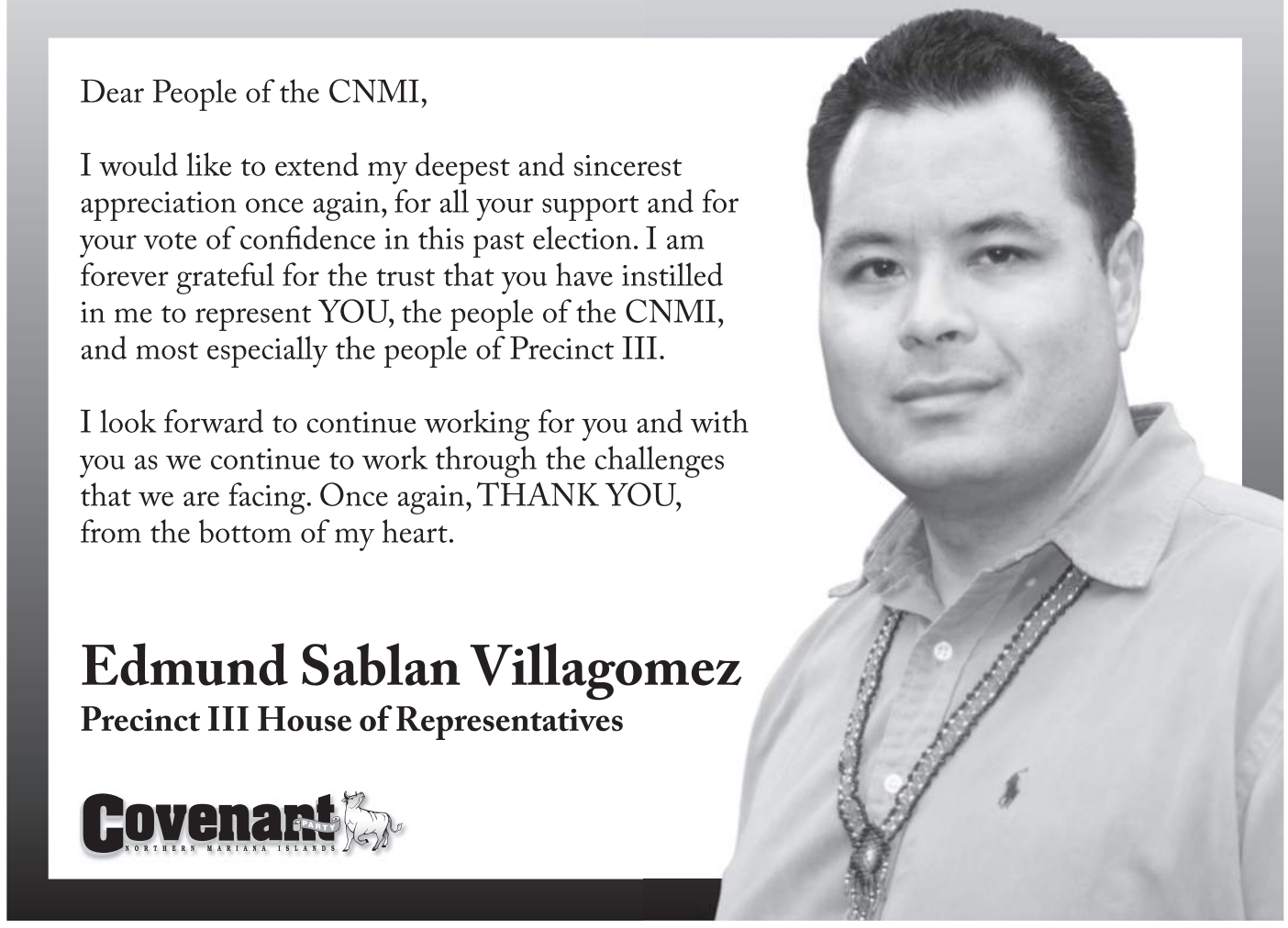
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Local job seekers complete SHRM grant program

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Group 9 of the SHRM Workforce Readiness Initiative program.

The Society for Human Resource Management's Workforce Readiness Initiative has graduated its third group of administrative trainees seeking positions as hotel front desk clerks, administrative clerks, and receptionists.

This was the Initiative's ninth program, graduating 18 trainees on Nov. 2, completing a week of job preparation and administrative skills in their efforts to prepare themselves for employment in the CNMI's private sector. This group of job seekers, referred by the CNMI Department of Labor and the Workforce Investment Act Office, received 40 hours of training during the week of Oct. 29 to Nov. 2, with hotel front desk, receptionist, and general administrative clerk skills, plus basic computer and cashiering skills.

"Hotels and private companies all have a need for administrative staff," said Frank Gibson, Initiative program manager for SHRM and owner of the consulting company HR Support, CNMI. "This was a good group of trainees who will do well in filling the needs of CNMI employers for administrative staff. Many of our trainees had some previous administrative work experience, but some are just entering the workforce. The training they received will give them a better understanding of what to expect on the job and provided some basic skills to make the company's training and orientation easier and more effective. Most of the trainees are also eligible for support from the WIA Work Experience or On-the-Job-Training Programs.

"Our trainees are going out to businesses and applying for positions. They will have résumés prepared as part of this program and a certificate of participation. I hope our businesses will recognize the potential of these applicants and give them an opportunity to show their capabilities. They received good solid training from knowledgeable and experienced instructors from the business community. They will all do well and I urge employers to contact the Initiative office at 233-7476, or me personally, at 287-7476, to arrange for interviews."

The ninth Initiative program participants were Mary Alexander, Jenica Amancio, Karen Amirez, Carmen Babauta, Daisy Borja, Russell Camacho, Zenia Castro, Antonette, Deleon Guerrero, Julian Igisaiar,. Jurena Igisaiar, Travis Igisaiar, Ambrosio Lisua, Veronica Lisua, Sylvestria Nugam, Vanessa Olopai, Lupe Taman, Remy Villagomez, and Marilyn Nekaifes.

The hotel front desk clerk and administrative clerk program included job preparation classes on job applications and résumés, job interviews, equal employment opportunity and sexual harassment, and employer expectations. Skills training classes were provided on customer service, hotel front desk clerk services, general administrative, receptionist and clerical duties, basic computer concepts, basic cashiering concepts, and hotel operations.

Gibson said the success of the program was also due to the professional skills and the interest of the instructors: Polly DLG Masga and Evan Hunsberger from PIC, Jim Arenovski from Delta Management, Malou Ernest from Tan Holdings, Josephine Mesta from Hyatt Regency Saipan, Jill Arenovski from Seafix, Inc., and Nat Angeles and Soc Nilo Villanueva, also from Tan Holdings.

The Workforce Readiness Initiative program is funded by a grant awarded to the CNMI SHRM by the U.S. Department of the Interior through the CNMI Department of Commerce in support of the CNMI Economic and Labor Enhancement Program. This initiative started on April 16 with a one-week warehouseman training program, is currently providing training to its tenth program for food service/wait staff workers, and will next repeat the warehousing program, running Monday, Nov. 26, through Friday, Nov. 30.

The Workforce Readiness Initiative is for the benefit of unemployed U.S. qualified workers. Qualified individuals who are registered with WIA or the DOL Employment Services should contact those offices and let them know of their interest. Those who are not registered and are interested in joining one of the Initiative programs should immediately register with WIA and express their interest. All interested candidates should sign up with WIA to allow them to help employers with funding of Initiative graduates. Interested individuals can also contact Gibson by e-mail at hrsupportcnmi@gmail.com.

Although the Initiative does not guarantee a job for every participant, it will make every effort to get each graduate employed. Several companies have already committed to accepting Initiative graduates and the Initiative will continue to source jobs through its SHRM-member companies and other employers. Companies interested in considering Initiative graduates can also contact Gibson.

This program is supported by federal funds in the amount of $102,000 under the U.S. Department of the Interior, Office of Insular Affairs, CNMI Economic and Labor Enhancement Program through a sub-grant award to the CNMI Chapter of the Society of Human Resources from the CNMI Department of Commerce. The CNMI SHRM Initiative is managed by HR Support, CNMI, a CNMI-licensed Human Resource Management consulting and training company. ***(SHRM)***

Business

Obama presses GOP on taxing rich to avert 'cliff'

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Barack Obama challenged congressional Republicans Wednesday to let taxes rise on the wealthiest Americans on both economic and political grounds, noting he campaigned successfully for re-election on the point and contending it would instantly ease the threat of the "fiscal cliff" plunging the nation back into recession.

"A modest tax increase on the wealthy is not going to break their backs," Obama said of the nation's top income earners. "They'll still be wealthy," he said at his first news conference since winning a second term.

At the same time, the president stressed he was amenable to compromise on other approaches from Republicans who say they will refuse to raise tax rates. "I believe this is solvable," he said during the news conference.

At a news conference of his own a short while later, House Speaker John Boehner, R-Ohio, agreed that a bipartisan "spirit of cooperation" has been evident since the election that augurs well for talks expected to begin Friday at the White House.

However, he said of the president's proposal, "We are not going to hurt our economy and make job creation more difficult which is exactly what that plan would do."

Obama seemed eager to avoid issuing any ultimatums. Asked if it would be a deal-breaker for Republicans to refuse to allow the top tax rate to revert to 39.6 percent from the current 35 percent, he sidestepped. "I just want to emphasize I am open to new ideas if the Republican counterparts or some Democrats have a great idea for us to raise revenue, maintain progressivity, make sure the middle class isn't getting hit, reduces our deficit."

Wall Street wasn't encouraged that agreement was becoming more likely. The Dow Jones industrial average dropped 185 points for the day.

The president's remarks were his first extended public discussion of the issue that is dominating the postelection session of Congress, and they followed statements earlier in the week from Boehner and Mitch McConnell of Kentucky, the Senate GOP leader.

Both men have said they, too, want a compromise and have said they are willing to support additional tax revenues as part of a deal that includes tax reform and measures to recast the government's largest benefit programs. But they appear to rule out any legislation that raises tax rates.

McConnell issued a statement calling on Obama to "propose a specific plan that includes meaningful entitlement reforms to strengthen and protect these programs for future generations." He referred to Medicare, Medicaid and Social Security.

The president has moved aggressively this week to lay down markers for any negotiations, first meeting with labor leaders and representatives of liberal groups at the White House, then welcoming a delegation of corporate chief executives for a private session moments after wrapping up his news conference.

FDA seeks more authority amid meningitis outbreak

WASHINGTON (AP)—The head of the Food and Drug Administration asked Congress Wednesday for more authority to police pharmacies like the one that triggered a deadly meningitis outbreak, even as lawmakers questioned why the agency didn't do more with its existing powers.

FDA Commissioner Margaret Hamburg called for new laws to clarify her agency's authority to crack down on companies like the New England Compounding Center, which distributed contaminated pain injections that have sickened more than 460 Americans and caused 32 deaths.

Members of the House Energy and Commerce Committee spent most of the first hearing on the outbreak questioning state and federal regulators about why they didn't act sooner against the company.

A timeline assembled by the committee's Republican staff showed that the FDA and the Massachusetts board of pharmacy investigated the pharmacy more than a dozen times in the past decade. In particular, lawmakers pointed to a 2002 FDA inspection that found contamination issues with the same steroid implicated in the latest recall.

"I was stunned and angered to learn that an inspection of the NECC by the FDA and the Massachusetts board of pharmacy over 10 years ago identified contamination in the very same drug at issue in the current outbreak," said Rep. Fred Upton, R-Mich., who chairs the committee.

Hamburg told lawmakers that the problems uncovered in inspections were "very serious," but that the agency was obligated to defer to Massachusetts authorities, who have more direct oversight over pharmacies.

Sandy, careful consumers lower US Oct. retail sales

WASHINGTON (AP)—Superstorm Sandy combined with cautious consumers to lower retail sales in October and raise concerns about weaker economic growth and a tepid holiday shopping season.

Consumers may also be holding back because of anxiety over big tax increases and spending cuts—known as the "fiscal cliff"—that will take effect in January unless Congress and the White House reach a budget deal by then.

Retail sales dropped 0.3 percent last month after three months of gains, the Commerce Department said Wednesday. Sales at auto dealers fell 1.5 percent, the most in more than a year.

The storm depressed car sales and slowed business in the Northeast at the end of the month, economists said. The government said Sandy forced some stores and restaurants to close and lose business, while others reported higher sales ahead of the storm as people bought supplies.

Online and catalog purchases fell 1.8 percent, the most in a year. Widespread power outages prevented some online shopping.

But sales slowed in eight of the 13 broad categories tracked by the government. Electronics, building supplies and clothing stores all posted lower sales. The broad declines suggest October's weakness went beyond the storm.

"Looking past (Sandy's) impact, U.S. consumers appeared to dial it back a notch," said Robert Kavcic, an economist at BMO Capital Markets. "There was relatively broad-based weakness in this report."

The retail sales report is the government's first look at consumer spending, which drives 70 percent of economic activity. Economists say the November and December sales figures will provide a better picture of the economy's health.

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Nation

Obama blasts senators: 'They should go after me'

WASHINGTON (AP)—Setting an unflinching tone for his second term, President Barack Obama on Wednesday accused two top Republicans senators of lobbing outrageous criticism at his United Nations ambassador instead of confronting him directly over a deadly attack on Americans in Libya.

"They should go after me," Obama said, referring to Sens. John McCain of Arizona, his 2008 White House rival, and Lindsey Graham of South Carolina.

Obama's comments, at a far-reaching news conference, underscored how much the Libya attack shadows the president, how strongly U.N. ambassador Susan Rice is being considered for secretary of state and how eager Obama is for some fights even as he talks compromise on others.

Obama

For the first time, Obama reflected on the meaning of his re-election victory, offering a more limited reading of his economic mandate from voters. He promised to begin work on a major immigration bill soon after his January inauguration and said he would at least pursue broader ways to attack the global-warming climate change.

Pressed on challenges abroad, Obama said he was not ready to formally recognize Syria's opposition leadership or arm it. The president also insisted there was still time to peacefully solve a nuclear standoff with Iran, saying he would push again soon for international talks "to get this thing resolved."

Obama sketched out his first priorities, most urgently a plea for Congress to join him in preventing a new year's tax increase for families earning under $250,000. That issue is part of a broader set of tax-and-spending decisions that must be resolved by Jan. 1 or the economy could tank. Obama himself used the word "recession."

Despite his hopes for an economic focus, Obama's post-election began with a scandal unfolding on his watch. He said he has seen "no evidence" of any national security breach in the sex scandal that led his CIA director, David Petraeus, to resign in disgrace over an extramarital affair.

The most memorable exchange of the session with reporters involved the U.N. ambassador, Susan Rice.

Rarely does such a fight unfold before even an official nomination is made.

Obama's admonishing of McCain and Graham came on a day in which both men had critical words for Rice. To some Republicans, she is the face of the debacle in Libya because of her comments on Sunday talk shows five days after the Sept. 11 attack on the U.S. Consulate in Benghazi that left four Americans dead.

Romney: Obama won with big 'gifts' to certain voters

WASHINGTON (AP)—Republican presidential nominee Mitt Romney is telling top donors that President Barack Obama won re-election because of the "gifts" he had already provided to blacks, Hispanics and young voters and because of the president's effort to paint Romney as anti-immigrant.

"The president's campaign, if you will, focused on giving targeted groups a big gift," Romney said in a call to donors on Wednesday. "He made a big effort on small things."

Romney said his campaign, in contrast, had been about "big issues for the whole country." He said he faced problems as a candidate because he was "getting beat up" by the Obama campaign and that the debates allowed him to come back.

In the call, Romney didn't acknowledge any major missteps, such as his "47 percent" remarks widely viewed as denigrating nearly half of Americans, his lack of support for the auto bailout, his call for illegal immigrants to "self-deport," or his change in position on abortion, gun control and other issues. He also didn't address the success or failure of the campaign's strategy of focusing on the economy in the face of some improvement in employment and economic growth during the months leading up to Election Day.

Obama won the popular vote by about 3.5 million votes, or 3 percent, and won the Electoral College by a wide margin, 332-206 electoral votes. Exit polls conducted for The Associated Press and television networks showed that Obama led Romney by 11 percentage points among women and won better than 7 of 10 Hispanic voters and more than 9 of 10 black voters.

Romney called his loss to Obama a disappointing result that he and his team had not expected, but he said he believed his team had run a superb campaign. He said he was trying to turn his thoughts to the future, "but, frankly, we're still so troubled by the past, it's hard to put together our plans for the future."

TINIAN CASINO GAMING CONTROL COMMISSION
Municipality of Tinian and Aguiguan
Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands

POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT

POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT: 2012-02
OPENING DATE: 10/29/12
CLOSING DATE: Until Filled

It is the policy of the Tinian Casino Gaming Control Commission that the personnel system shall be applied and administered according to the principle of equal opportunity for all citizens and nationals as defined by the Northern Marianas Commonwealth Constitution and Federal Civil Rights Laws regardless of age, race, sex, religion, political affiliation or belief, marital status, disability or place or origin.

Position: Executive Director **Pay Level:** Ungraded **Salary:** Not to Exceed $75,000.00 P/A
Location: Tinian Casino Gaming Control Commission, Tinian, MP 96950 USA

Duties: Serves as Chief Administrative Officer for the Commission. Responsible for maintaining efficient operations, organizing and planning the work for the Commission, and ensuring that the Commission acts in accordance with the Revised Tinian Casino Gaming Control Act of 1989. Responsible for recruiting key staff members, developing administrative procedures and internal controls. Initiates investigations of applicants for casino licenses and makes recommendations to the Commission based on the findings. Attends all Commission meetings, prepares annual performance report for the Commission, reviews internal financials and operating reports of the Commission's activities, and any other duties as specified in the Revised Tinian Casino Gaming Control Act of 1989, or by the Commission.

Qualifications: Any combination equivalent to graduation from an accredited college or university with a degree in public administration, business administration or related filed, and five (5) years substantial experience in administrative office management and staff supervision in a public or private organization. Experience in personnel and fiscal management, procurement and supply, and contract negotiation and other managerial skills are an additional plus.

Special Conditions of Employment: Employment will be undertaken pursuant to TCGCC Personnel Regulations including, but not limited to, Article 3: Section 3-108(1); "There are special conditions and standards of employment which are considered implicit to successful performance in certain positions. These conditions may relate to unusual hours of work, physical or medical standards, maintenance of a license, maintenance of a health certification, availability during off-hours, or need to frequently travel."

INTERESTED INDIVIDUALS MAY OBTAIN EMPLOYMENT APPLICATION AT THE TCGCC MAIN OFFICE IN TINIAN. THE COMPLETED EMPLOYMENT APPLICATION AND ALL RELATED DOCUMENTS INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, RESUME, SCHOOL DIPLOMA(S) OR TRANSCRIPTS, AND POLICE CLEARANCE, MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE PERSONNEL SPECIALIST AT THE TCGCC MAIN OFFICE WHILE POSITION IS STILL OPEN.

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ACROSS THE NATION

Ohio mom: Grandmother, uncle not in 'right minds'

TOLEDO, Ohio (AP)—The mother of three children killed this week in what police believe was a murder-suicide said Wednesday her mother and brother weren't in their "right minds" when the deaths occurred. Notes found at a Toledo house indicate the children's grandmother and uncle planned to kill themselves and the children by funneling fumes from a pickup truck into a car where their five bodies were found Monday, police said. The children's mother, Mandy Hayes, told WTOL-TV in Toledo that her mom was her best friend and she was close to her brother. The children, their 54-year-old grandmother Sandy Ford, and their 32-year-old uncle Andy Ford, died of carbon monoxide poisoning, a coroner ruled Wednesday in a finding that confirmed what investigators already suspected. "I don't know what happened," Hayes said in an emotional interview. "They weren't in their right minds. That's all I can say. Something snapped, where it just—I don't know. I can't explain it, really." Hayes' husband, Chris, drew a different conclusion. "I think she really did not want those kids to ever come home, is what the deal was there," he said of the grandmother in the WTOL interview. "She felt that she was their mother."

Petraeus to testify in Congress on Libya Friday

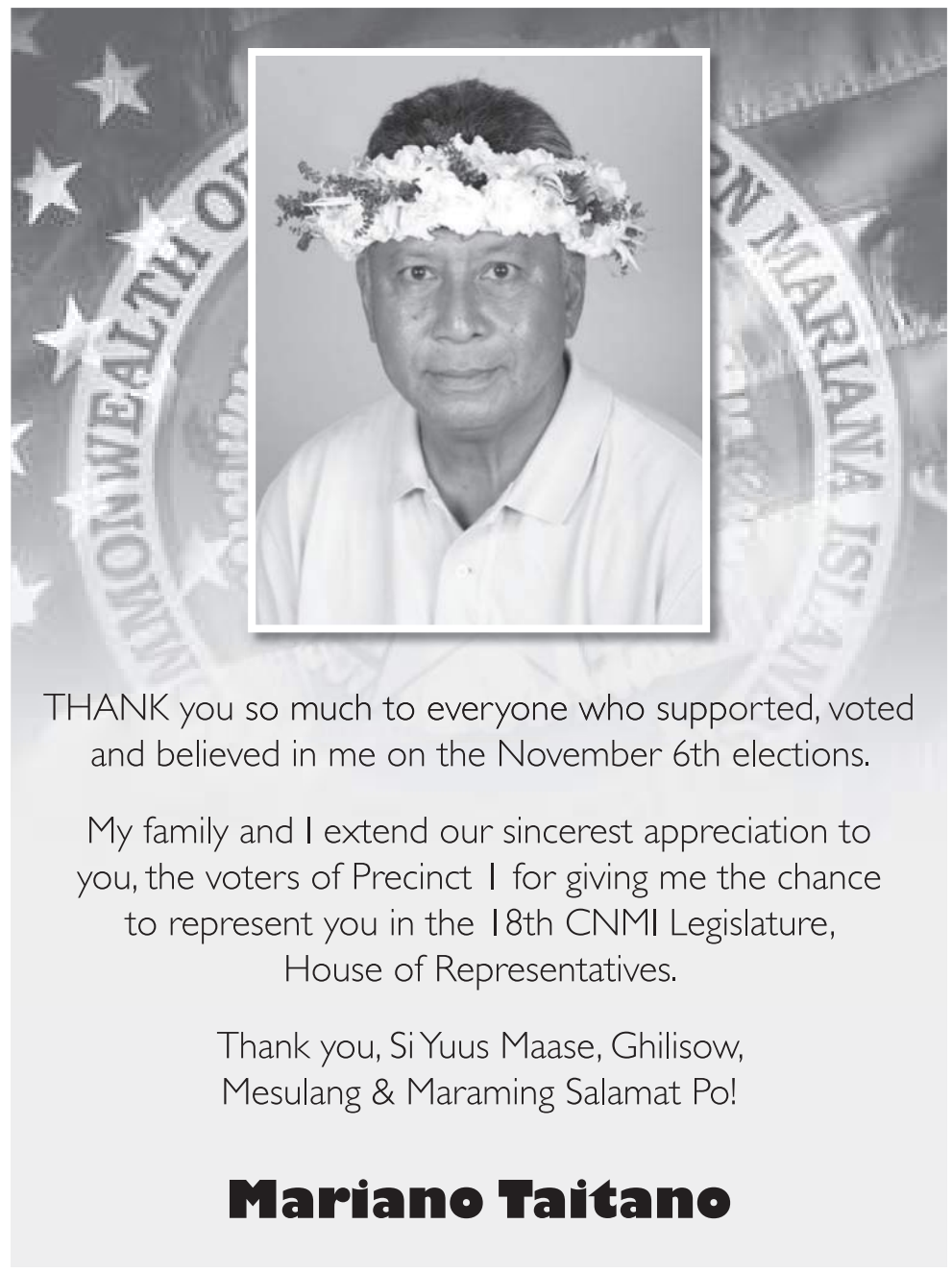
WASHINGTON (AP)—Former CIA Director David Petraeus will testify before the House Intelligence committee Friday on events that led to the death of the U.S. ambassador and three other Americans in an attack on the U.S. Consulate at Benghazi, Libya, on Sept. 11. Spokesmen for the committee say the hearing will be closed to the public. Petraeus resigned from the CIA last week after acknowledging an extramarital affair. The liaison was discovered during an FBI investigation of harassing emails allegedly sent by Petraeus' biographer and mistress, Paula Broadwell, to Tampa socialite Jill Kelley. Broadwell allegedly saw Kelley as a rival. The probe expanded to include Kelley's copious communications with the top U.S. commander In Afghanistan, Marine Gen. John Allen.

Calif debuts landmark program to cap emissions

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—California began auctioning permits Wednesday for greenhouse gas emissions, launching one of the world's most ambitious efforts to cut heat-trapping gases from industrial sources. The California Air Resources Board said it began selling the pollution "allowances" in a closed, online auction expected to create the world's second-largest marketplace for carbon emissions. Under the program, the state sets a limit, or cap, on emissions from individual polluters. Businesses are required to either cut emissions to cap levels or buy allowances through the auction from other companies for each extra ton of pollution discharged annually. The board said the results of the auction—what price is paid for a ton of carbon, and how many companies participated—would be released Nov. 19.

Teacher sues Calif. district over breastfeeding

CARMEL, Calif. (AP)—A former California school teacher accuses school officials in a lawsuit of failing to accommodate her breastfeeding schedule. *The Monterey Herald* reports that Sarah Ann Lewis Boyle has sued the Carmelo School, where she worked, and the Carmel Unified School District, alleging discrimination and wrongful termination. The lawsuit was filed on Oct. 30. Boyle says before returning to work, she told a manager at the school that she would need about 15 minutes every day between 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. to pump her breasts. Boyle claims the manager told her to train her breast not to make milk then, and the district made no accommodations to allow her to feed her newborn. According to Boyle, she later received a negative evaluation and was urged to resign.



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Asia

Xi Jinping takes helm of China amid reform calls

BEIJING (AP)—Xi Jinping became China's new leader Thursday, assuming the top posts in the Communist Party and the powerful military in a political transition unbowed by scandals, a slower economy and public demands for reforms.

Xi was introduced as the new party general secretary at Beijing's Great Hall of the People a day after the close of a weeklong party congress that underlined the communists' determination to remain firmly in power. He and the six other men who will form China's new collective leadership, all dressed in dark suits, walked in line onto the red-carpeted stage.

Jinping

Xi's appointment as chairman of the military commission, announced by the state Xinhua News Agency, marked a break from the recent tradition of retiring leaders holding onto the post for a transitional period to extend their influence. It meant outgoing leader Hu Jintao would relinquish all positions of power, giving Xi broader leeway to consolidate his authority.

The once-a-decade leadership change was carefully choreographed. It became clear Xi would lead China five years ago, when he was appointed to the Standing Committee—the nation's apex of power—as the highest-ranked member who would not be of retirement age this year.

Xi's colleagues in the new Standing Committee are Li Keqiang, the presumptive premier and chief economic official; Vice Premier Zhang Dejiang; Shanghai party secretary Yu Zhengsheng; propaganda chief Liu Yunshan; Vice Premier Wang Qishan; and Tianjin party secretary Zhang Gaoli.

In a speech broadcast live on Chinese state TV and worldwide, Xi said, "We shall do everything we can to live up to your trust and fulfill our mission."

"There are also many pressing problems within the party that need to be resolved, particularly corruption," Xi said. "We must make every effort to solve these problems. The whole party must stay on full alert."

The other six leaders were expressionless with their arms at their sides during Xi's 20-minute speech, then smiled to the audience when they walked off stage.

The son of a party elder, and vice president for the past five years, Xi will lead the world's No. 2 economy and newest diplomatic and military power amid increasingly vocal calls for economic and political reform—including from within the 82-million-member party itself.

At ease in front of people and with colleagues, Xi takes over the party leadership from the stiff, technocratic Hu, and is expected to assume the largely ceremonial presidency in March.

The ascent of Xi and Li, the premier-in-waiting, represents a generational change.

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ASIAN BRIEFS

Myanmar's Suu Kyi meets with top leaders in India

NEW DELHI (AP)—Myanmar opposition leader Aung San Suu Kyi met with India's prime minister and foreign secretary on Wednesday as part of a trip to establish closer ties between the countries. Suu Kyi, who arrived Tuesday for a five-day visit, met separately with Prime Minister Manmohan Singh and Foreign Secretary Ranjan Mathai. Details of the meetings were not immediately available. In the 1980s and early '90s, India was a strong supporter of Suu Kyi in her struggle against the country's military junta for which she received the Nobel Peace Prize. But in the mid-1990s, India changed tack to engage with the junta, resisting pressure from Western democracies that had imposed economic sanctions on Myanmar.

Japan, N. Korea open bilateral talks on abductions

TOKYO (AP)—Japan and North Korea have begun bilateral talks in Mongolia that Tokyo hopes will shed light on a series of decades-old abductions. The talks in Ulan Bator are scheduled to last through Friday. In August, lower-level negotiators from the two countries held their first bilateral talks in four years, but made little progress. Japan wants information on the abductions of Japanese citizens by North Korean agents in the 1970s and `80s. Japan believes at least one abductee may still be alive and in the North, though North Korea denies this. Five abductees were returned to Japan in 2002.

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Car Rental Concessions
CPA-RFP-011-12

Request for Proposals

The Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA) is soliciting proposals for the award of Six (6) Rental Car Concessions at the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport.

Proposal packages can be obtained beginning October 5, 2012 at the CPA Administration Office, Second floor of Arrival terminal at the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport at a fee of $50.00 per package. The pre-bid conference will be held on **October 30, 2012**, at **2:00 p.m.**, at the CPA Conference Room located on the Second Floor, Departure Building, Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport.

Proposals must be addressed to the Executive Director, P.O. Box 501055, Saipan, MP 96950; and received by the CPA Administration Office (Saipan) on **November 16, 2012**, by or **before 4:30 p.m.,** in order to be considered for the award. All proposals will be publicly opened on November 19, 2012, at 2:00 p.m., at the CPA Conference Room.

The Commonwealth Ports Authority reserves the right to reject proposals in accordance with its Procurement Rules and Regulations.

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Car Rental Concessions
CPA-RFP-012-12

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CPA-RFP-013-12

Request for Proposals

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Proposal packages can be obtained beginning October 5, 2012 at the CPA Administration Office, Second floor of Arrival terminal at the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport at a fee of $50.00 per package. The pre-bid conference will be held on **October 30, 2012**, at **2:00 p.m.**, at the CPA Conference Room located on the Second Floor, Departure Building, Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport.

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World

WORLD BRIEFS

Syrian rebels take villages near Israel-held area

JERUSALEM (AP)—Syrian rebels control almost all the villages near the frontier with the Israel-held Golan Heights, the Israeli defense minister said Wednesday, bringing the conflict dangerously close to the Jewish state and raising the possibility of an armed clash with the region's strongest power. During a tour of the Golan Heights, Defense Minister Ehud Barak gave a scathing assessment of Syrian President Bashar Assad's forces and said Israel will remain "vigilant and alert." "Almost all of the villages, from the foot of this ridge to the very top, are already in the hands of the Syrian rebels," said Barak, who was accompanied by Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu. "The Syrian army is displaying ever-diminishing efficiency." The civil war in Syria has renewed tensions over the Golan Heights, a strategic plateau that Israel captured from Syria in 1967. Despite hostility between the two countries, Syria has been careful to keep the border quiet since the 1973 Mideast war. But in recent days, Israeli troops have fired into Syria twice after apparently stray mortar shells flew into Israel-held territory. On Wednesday, an Associated Press journalist said an Israeli helicopter was patrolling the border area, and gunfire could be heard. The source of the gunfire was not immediately clear.

Israeli military, Gaza militants trade fire

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip (AP)—Israeli aircraft, tanks and naval gunboats pounded the Hamas-ruled Gaza Strip on Thursday and rocket salvoes thudded into southern Israel, as terrified residents on both sides of the frontier holed up at home in anticipation of heavy fighting on the second day of Israel's offensive against Islamic militants. The operation, launched in response to days of rocket fire from the Palestinian territory, kicked off with the assassination of Hamas' top military commander and deepened the instability gripping the Mideast. Israel's already strained relations with Egypt's new Islamist government frayed even further as Egypt recalled its ambassador Wednesday in response to the Israeli military operation. Just days earlier, Israel was drawn into Syria's civil war for the first time, firing missiles into its northern neighbor for the first time in four decades after stray mortar fire landed in Israeli-occupied Syrian territory.

US deplores murder of Honduran teen by military

TEGUCIGALPA, Honduras (AP)—U.S. officials are demanding answers after learning soldiers trained, vetted and equipped by the U.S. government chased down and killed a teenager in Honduras, where the U.S. is already withholding tens of millions of dollars in police and military aid over concerns about human rights violations. Ebed Yanes, 15, was killed the night of May 26 after driving through a military checkpoint. His father, Wilfredo Yanes, a mild-mannered organic food supplier, tracked down the soldiers, eventually uncovering an allegedly high-level attempt to hide evidence. Further, his quest led to new information reported this week that the unit in question was supported by the U.S. "The incident with Ebed Yanes was a tragedy and we urge the Honduran government to assure the perpetrators are brought to justice," State Department press adviser William Ostick said Wednesday.

Registered Nurse (RN) – Nurse Case Manager

A Nurse Case Manager position in support of a Saipan based company that conducts medical care and related medical support services for Worker's Compensation Claims globally. This position requires a dedicated, hard working and trustworthy Registered Nurse who has experience in a wide range of administrative, managerial and operational tasks.
Major Duties and Responsibilities:

- Obtain medical treatment plans from treating physicians in various countries.
- Review and Approve Treatment plans with Company Medical Doctors.
- Communicate treatment plans and approval with Clients.
- Manage worker's compensation claims.
- Schedules meetings, as required.
- Prepare and update Claimant medical schedule.
- Prepare and update Clients of medical status.
- Performs administrative duties such as proofreading, quality control, telephone calls to field case managers and clients to ensure that treatment plan is followed and updated.
- Prepare medical reports for clients.
- Provide medical expertise to Company personnel as needed

Qualifications and Skills:

- U.S. Citizen, or U.S. Permanent Resident (Green Card Holder).
- A four-year Nursing degree from an accredited U.S. institution (Foreign Institution may be acceptable).
- Current Registered Nurse certification.
- Five years nursing work experience.
- Excellent command of written and spoken English.
- Experience in Worker's Compensation medical Claims
- Experience in working with Insurance Companies as it relates to medical care approvals.
- Demonstrates knowledge of various computer applications (e.g. Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Outlook etc.) and office machinery (e.g. fax, scanner, and printer).
- Ability to handle multiple priorities, work efficiently and meet deadlines.
- Ability to think creatively.
- Ability to follow specific instructions on various cases.
- Ability to work in a team environment.
- Ability to work with minimum supervision.
- Ability to maintain case confidentiality.
- Knowledge of insurance industry is helpful.
- Demonstrates cultural sensitivity and experience in working in a cross-cultural environment.

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REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS FOR PROVISION OF ARCHITECT AND ENGINEERING SERVICES
RFQ13-GOV-008

702 CIP Project Managers

Governor Benigno R. Fitial and Lt. Governor Eloy S. Inos through the Office of Capital Improvement (collectively, "Commonwealth") are soliciting Statements of Qualifications from architect and engineers to provide project manager services for designated federally funded projects.

The Commonwealth has current needs for project manager services and is anticipating additional requirements during part of 2012 and 2013 fiscal year. Specific project assignments are dependent upon needs of the Commonwealth and may include oversight of: project planning; permitting; design; construction activities; and close-out.

Selected architects and engineers ("Project Managers") will be retained as independent contractors under the general supervision of the Contracting Officer or his designee. Project Managers will act as agent of the expenditure authority on assigned capital projects to ensure that identified objectives are achieved within: cost; time; and legal requirements; while maintaining effective stakeholder communications. Selected Project Managers will be retained on a one-year contract with an option to renew for an additional year at discretion of the Commonwealth.

Compensation for project manager services will be determined based on the required project management services for each assigned project. The Commonwealth will negotiate with selected Project Managers to determine the required scope of services for assigned responsibilities. Individuals or firms selected to serve as project managers would be precluded from providing any other services associated with the assigned project.

Interested parties may pick up the applicable scope of work and submittal requirements ("Scope of Work and Submittal Requirements") at the Office of Capital Improvement Capitol Hill, Saipan, during working hours (7:30 a.m. to 4: 30 p.m. - Monday through Friday, except holidays). Submittal of all qualifications must precisely follow the submittal requirements identified in the Scope of Work and Submittal Requirements.

Selection of individuals for the provision of services shall be guided by the Commonwealth Department of Finance Division of Procurement& Supply, Procurement Regulations § 7070-30.3-305. Three copies of qualifications should be submitted to the Commonwealth Division of Procurement & Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, MP 96950 in a sealed envelope marked "Project Manager Qualifications RFQ13-GOV-008."

Qualifications must be received prior to 11AM ChST of December 03, 2012 ("Closing Date") from individuals or firms residing within the Commonwealth. Individuals or firms residing outside the Commonwealth may receive an additional five (5) work days from the Closing Date for receipt of their qualifications, upon filing a notice of intent to submit qualifications ("Notice of Intent") with the Division of Procurement & Supply by 11AM ChST December 10, 2012.

Notice of Intent may be transmitted in any of the following forms: direct delivery; transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515; or via e-mail to procurement@pticom.com; however, the individual or firm transmitting a Notice of Intent bears all risk of proper functioning of equipment. For proposers located outside the CNMI who have filed a Notice of Intent, all required documents must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Services or the official government postal service of the foreign country no later than the Closing Date and must be received no later than five calendar days after the Closing Date.

Statements of Qualifications will be evaluated and scored based on the following factors:
1. Past experience as a project manager – 70%
2. Interview – 30%
Interviews will be conducted with the individuals who are determined to have the most appropriate qualifications for the needs of the Commonwealth. Architect and engineering firms may submit qualifications, however, they must identify qualifications of specific individuals who are to be considered for the provision of these services and evaluation of qualifications will be based on the experience, references, and interview of the designated individual.

This project is funded through grants from the United States Department of Interior, Office of Insular Affairs (OIA) with local matching funds. Contract award is contingent upon approval from DOI.

The Commonwealth reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and to waive any imperfections in any proposal if, in its opinion to do so would be in the best interest of the government. All submitted documents shall become the property of the Commonwealth.

WORLD RESORT

JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

OPEN DATE:	November 16, 2012	POSITION:	Front Desk Clerk
CLOSE DATE:	November 30, 2012	SALARY:	Minimum Wage/Negotiable

Qualifications:
High school graduate or equivalent. Proficiency in Japanese/Chinese Language (Able to speak, read, write in Japanese or Chinese). Minimum two (2) years in hotel front desk or concierge services strongly preferred. Must have excellent people skills, willingness to provide service, friendly attitude and ready smile.

OPEN DATE:	November 16, 2012	POSITION:	Lifeguard
CLOSE DATE:	November 30, 2012	SALARY:	Minimum Wage

Qualifications:
High school graduate or equivalent. Obtaining a lifeguard certification may be required for continued employment. Must have friendly and outgoing personality.

OPEN DATE:	November 16, 2012	POSITION:	Kids College Attendant/Cashier
CLOSE DATE:	November 30, 2012	SALARY:	Minimum Wage

Qualifications:
High school graduate or equivalent. Minimum two years experience in a cashier type occupation preferred. Must enjoy and be comfortable interacting with young children. Cheerful and outgoing personality highly preferred.

OPEN DATE:	November 16, 2012	POSITION:	Masseuse
CLOSE DATE:	November 30, 2012	SALARY:	Minimum Wage

Qualifications:
High school graduate or equivalent. Minimum two (2) years experience or training in performing type of massage / therapy services. Must have a friendly and outgoing personality, excellent people skills, willingness to provide service, friendly attitude.

OPEN DATE:	November 16, 2012	POSITION:	Cook (Chinese/Western/Japanese/Korean)
CLOSE DATE:	November 30, 2012	SALARY:	Minimum Wage/Negotiable

Qualifications:
High school graduate or equivalent. Minimum two (2) year experience in culinary experience. Applicants with formal training / education in culinary arts strongly preferred. Position may require employee to receive food handler related health examinations and clearances as condition to their continued employment.

OPEN DATE:	November 16, 2012	POSITION:	IT Technical Support (Graphic Artist)
CLOSE DATE:	November 30, 2012	SALARY:	Minimum Wage/ Negotiable

Qualifications:
High school graduate or equivalent. Minimum two (2) years experience in computer networking maintenance. Formal education / training in IT or Design related subjects highly preferred.

OPEN DATE:	November 16, 2012	POSITION:	Maintenance Repairer / Electrician
CLOSE DATE:	November 30, 2012	SALARY:	Minimum Wage/Negotiable

Qualifications:
High school graduate or equivalent. Formal electrician education or training highly preferred. Formal Training in Mechanical repair / engineering highly preferred.

For more information, please contact Human Resources Office at (670) 234-5900 ext. 576/266.

Employment application forms are available at the Saipan World Resort, Security Office, located next to the Wave Jungle Water Park. Applicants must submit the completed form and all the necessary requirements to the Security Office. Incomplete application will not be received by the Security Office.

Off the Wall

Sentence wraps up for Ohio woman with 'idiot' sign

By THOMAS J. SHEERAN
ASSOCIATED PRESS

CLEVELAND (AP)—A woman ordered to stand at the curb with an embarrassing sign as punishment for driving on the sidewalk past a stopped school bus skipped the cigarettes and cellphone as she served out the second half of her sentence Wednesday.

Municipal Court Judge Pinkey Carr, unhappy that Shena Hardin was smoking and texting Tuesday, said she planned to personally supervise the defendant Wednesday, but the judge later changed her mind.

Carr told WKYC-TV that she didn't want to cause a scene and was confident that Hardin won't drive on a sidewalk again. The Associated Press left a message at the judge's office seeking comment.

The judge had ordered Hardin to spend an hour Tuesday and another Wednesday with a sign reading, "Only an idiot would drive on the sidewalk to avoid a school bus."

Hardin wore headphones and ignored passers-by Tuesday. The judge told WKYC earlier that she felt Hardin wasn't sufficiently holding up the sign and was "missing the point."

Hardin avoided smoking and texting Wednesday and wouldn't comment when asked if the judge had warned her to behave.

TV camera crews formed a tight circle around her, but she looked away except to quietly talk with a Cleveland radio personality who asked her about an apology. She deflected the suggestion and said she didn't owe the media anything.

Neal Hodges, 48, of Cleveland, stopped by to see Hardin after his brother in Chicago asked him to snap a photo. He said the judge should have been tougher.

"If I was the judge, I would have had a board back and front and had her walk around the area she drove past because I think she took a nonchalant stance, smoking and listening to her music and playing with her phone," Hodges said.

"I don't think she knows the seriousness of her actions."

Hodges said the sentence wasn't too harsh or humiliating.

"Had it been me, I would have given her five days," he said.

Lee Cochrane, who drove by the scene, said the sentence should have been positive—perhaps requiring her to do a public service announcement on school bus safety.

AP
Shena Hardin holds up a sign as she serves a highly public sentence Wednesday, Nov. 14, 2012, in Cleveland.

Hollande makes 'friendly' mistake in note to Obama

PARIS (AP)—French President Francois Hollande's attempt to sign a note congratulating Barack Obama for getting re-elected wound up lost in translation—and all over Twitter.

In the great Gallic tradition of murdering the English language, Hollande ended the letter to the U.S. president in his own hand, writing: "Friendly, Francois Hollande."

The mistake was a literal translation of the French "amicalement," instead of what probably should have been "kind regards."

It went viral on Twitter, overshadowing the rest of the note, which fleetingly touched on topics such as the Middle East and the economy.

According to local media, former French President Nicolas Sarkozy was also weak in English. To excuse bad weather in January 2010, Sarkozy told U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, "Sorry for the time."

OFFBEAT BRIEFS

Loose gorilla alert? Electronic road sign hacked

LOOMIS, Calif. (AP)—A prankster is changing the message on an electronic traffic warning sign in Northern California. The sign is supposed to tell people that a road in the Placer County city of Loomis will be closed for pipeline construction. Instead, it read, "Smoke Weed Everyday" last week. The Sacramento Bee reports that it has also read, "Caution Loose Gorilla!" Placer County Water Agency Senior Engineer Tony Firenzi told the Bee it took skill to change the message. The unknown hacker needed a keyboard and had to bypass some systems.

Plane makes emergency landing on Calif. highway

ROCKLIN, Calif. (AP)—A small plane has made an emergency landing in traffic on a highway median in the Sacramento area. The California Highway Patrol says the aircraft landed safely Wednesday morning on a grassy center divide of Highway 65 near Rocklin as cars whizzed by. No injuries were reported. Pilot John Mares says he was testing a new engine on the Beech BE35-33A when it lost power at about 3,500 feet, leaving him with no choice but to find a place to land. A mechanic was on scene to see if the fuel pump failed. The highway remained open although traffic slowed down to see the plane. The FAA says an inspector is on the scene. The CHP will close the northbound lane if the plane is cleared to take off.

Police: Alleged car thief made food deliveries

WEST HARTFORD, Conn. (AP)—Police in Connecticut say a man stole a car used to deliver Chinese food and continued dropping off orders so he could keep the customers' money. Keith Hinds was charged on Friday with larceny, possession of less than half an ounce of marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia and other drug charges. It was not known Monday morning if the 45-year-old Hinds is represented by a lawyer. West Hartford police received a call from a Chinese food delivery driver reporting that his car had been stolen after he left it idling to run into a school. The driver also called his boss so customers could be notified that their orders were stolen with the car. Police say one of the orders was delivered after the car was taken. Hinds was held on $5,000 bond.

Man napping in field run over by combine, survives

BILLINGS, Mont. (AP)—A man napping in a Montana cornfield was startled out of his snooze when he was run over by a large harvesting machine—and Yellowstone County deputies say he's lucky to be alive. Sheriff's Lt. Kent O'Donnell says the 57-year-old man had been traveling the country by bus and decided to take a rest three rows deep in a field on the outskirts of Billings, the state's largest city. A farmer harvesting Wednesday felt his combine hit something. When he turned the machine off, he heard screaming. Emergency responders found the man's clothing had been sucked into the cutter, ensnaring him in the blades. O'Donnell says the man, whose name was not released, suffered cuts requiring stitches and may need skin grafts, but given the circumstances is "incredibly lucky."

Calif. city proposes citizens' well-being study

SANTA MONICA, Calif. (AP)—Once referred to as the "people's republic of Santa Monica" because of its socially conscious government, the Los Angeles coastal suburb now wants to find out whether its citizens are feeling groovy. The *Los Angeles Times* says Santa Monica officials are seeking a grant to create the nation's first municipal well-being index. City officials and Rand Corp. researchers propose tracking the physical health, social connectedness and community resilience of residents. Santa Monica made the proposal in hopes of winning a $5 million Bloomberg Philanthropies grant. It's one of 20 Mayors Challenge finalists named last week. The city has already completed a youth well-being study that found most students were healthy and felt safe at school.

In Celebration of Her New Life

†Trinidad Cepeda Agulto Deleon Guerrero

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In Her New Life, She Now Joins Her:
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Parents: Vicente and Ana Cepeda Agulto
Children: Joaquin A. Deleon Guerrero; Vicente A. Deleon Guerrero; Rosario DLG. Kumagai; Francisco A. Deleon Guerrero
Parents In-Law: Joaquin and Rosario Cabrera Deleon Guerrero

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Reared Children: Hiroko Inoue and Rie Inoue

She will also be greatly missed by numerous great grandchildren, in-laws, nieces, and nephews.

Nightly Mass is being offered at 6:00PM followed by Holy Rosary at the St. Jude Church in Koblerville.

On Saturday, November 17, 2012 Our Loving †Trinidad will be escorted from Nuestra Senora dela Paz to Our Lady of Mount Carmel Cathedral at 7:30AM for viewing and last respects. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11:00AM followed immediately by interment service at the Chalan Kanoa Cemetery.

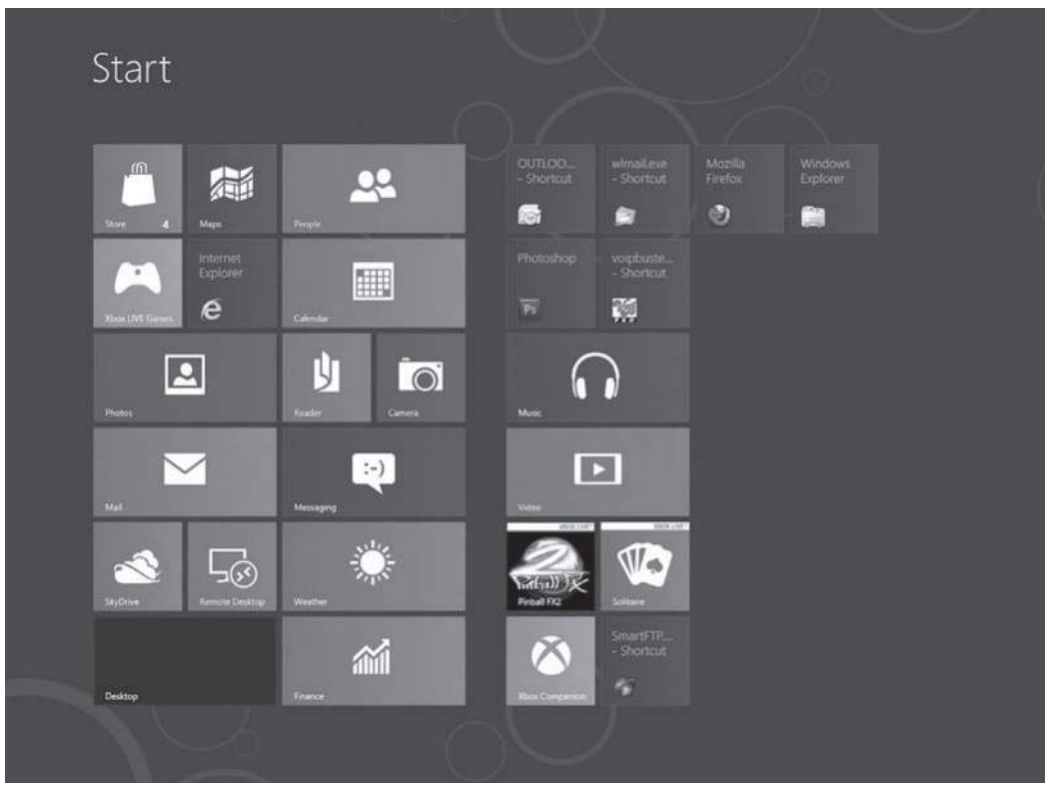
Your presence, thoughts and prayers are greatly appreciated.

Si Yu'us Ma'ase, Thank You, Salamat Po and Arigato Gozaimasu.

The Family

Business

Where do I click, again? A guide to Windows 8



By PETER SVENSSON
AP TECHNOLOGY WRITER

NEW YORK (AP)—With the launch of Windows 8, buyers are about to discover a computing experience unlike anything they've seen before. Here's a guide to getting past some of the hurdles.

The main thing to know is that Windows 8 is designed especially for touch-screen computers, to make desktops and laptops work more like tablets. It is Microsoft's way of addressing the popularity of tablets, namely the iPad. But Windows 8 will work with mouse and keyboard shortcuts, too. It'll take some getting used to, though.

There are two versions of Windows 8, or more precisely, there's Windows 8 and there's Windows RT. They look the same, but they run on different processing chips. Windows 8 runs on standard chips from Intel and AMD and is the version you'd get if you're upgrading your home desktop or notebook PC. Windows RT is the version for light, small tablets and laptop-tablet hybrids.

Windows 8 will run programs written for older versions of Windows. Windows RT won't. It's limited to applications specifically written for it and available through Microsoft's store. (As a consolation, a version of Microsoft Office is included free on Windows RT devices).

Here are some tips on how to navigate the new Windows:

■ When you start a Windows 8 machine, you're greeted with a screen that shows the time and a pretty picture. To get past it with a touch-screen device, swipe upwards with your finger from the bottom edge of the screen. If you have a keyboard, hit any key.

■ Next, you'll see a mosaic of Live Tiles, each representing an application. Programs specifically written for Windows 8 will run in this new environment, which is unofficially nicknamed Metro. Each application fills the screen when you run it. Applications written for older Windows versions will open up in something that looks very much like the old Windows Desktop environment. You can switch back and forth between Metro and the new Desktop, though Microsoft wants people to eventually use only Metro.

■ The Desktop screen lacks a Start button, so it's hard to start programs from there. Microsoft's idea is that users should learn to go to the Metro tiles to start programs or access settings, even if many programs, including some Windows utilities, will open up in Desktop. To get back to the tiled Start screen with a mouse or touchpad, move the mouse cursor to the top right corner of the screen, then swipe it down to the "Start" icon that appears. If you have a touch screen, reveal the Start icon by swiping in from the right edge of the screen.

■ In the Desktop environment, you can glance at the Taskbar to see which Desktop programs are running. If you're a mouse or touchpad user in Metro and want to see what's running, you have to know this trick: Move the cursor into the top left corner of the screen, then drag it down along the left edge of the screen. If you have a touch screen, swipe in from the left edge, then quickly swipe back in.

■ Neither environment will show you programs that are running in the other environment, but if you have a touch screen, swiping in from the left side of the screen lets you jump between open applications. The "Alt-Tab" combination does the same thing with a keyboard, in case you aren't using a touch screen.

■ There are two versions of Internet Explorer, one for each environment. A Web page you open in one doesn't appear in the other, so if you're trying to find your way back to a page, it helps to remember which browser you were using.

■ When using Metro on a touch screen, you close a program by first swiping your finger down from the top edge of the screen. That shrinks the window. Then you swipe your finger down to the bottom edge of the screen. Don't stray to the right or left edges of the screen, or the app will end up "docked" in a column along that edge. You can perform the same action with a mouse cursor by clicking and dragging from the top edge of the screen, but using the old "Alt-F4" command is easier.

■ In the Desktop version of Internet Explorer, you can see at a glance which pages you have open in "tabs." In Metro, each Web page fills the screen, leaving no room for tabs.

To see which other pages are open on a touch-screen computer, you swipe your finger down from the top of the screen to reveal thumbnails of the other windows. Don't sweep too far, or you'll shrink the window instead.

If you're using a mouse in Metro, you right-click anywhere on the screen to reveal the tabs. Of course, this means right-clicking no longer does any of things it can be used for in previous versions of Windows, such as letting you open a link in a new tab.

■ When Microsoft introduced Windows 95, some people thought it was amusing and counterintuitive that the procedure for shutting down the computer began with the "Start" button. In Windows 8, that incongruity is gone along with the Start button, but shutting down with a mouse or touchpad isn't obvious either. Move the cursor into the top right corner of the screen. A menu will pop out. Sweep down to the "Settings" button that appears, and click it. Then click "Power," then "Shut down." If you're on a touch screen, start by swiping in from the right edge of the screen, then tap "Settings."

Facebook app helps people in US find jobs

Facebook Inc. is launching a new application to help its users in the United States hunt for jobs.

The free tool stems from a promise made a year ago by a coalition of government, employer and employee associations and Facebook to roll out an application that would help connect job seekers with open positions.

The app gives users access to more than 1.7 million job postings in the U.S. that are culled from companies that list jobs on Facebook, including Branchout, Jobvite and Work4 Labs.

The latest move has fueled talk that Facebook would enter the lucrative online recruiting market.

For years, analysts have speculated that Facebook would harness its massive audience to enter that market and take on professional networking site LinkedIn and job-hunting sites such as Monster.com. That speculation has only intensified as Wall Street cranks up the pressure on Facebook to prove it's more than a one-trick pony and can make money beyond advertising. ***(Los Angeles Times)***

Death and Funeral Announcement

Vicente Chargualaf Pangelinan Jr.

Better Known as "**Jun Migua**"

Class of 1968

Born on January 16, 1949
Died on November 12, 2012

He now joins his:

Father: Vicente Blas Pangelinan
Mother: Isabel Ilano Chargualaf Pangelinan
Brothers: Juan Chargualaf Pangelinan
Lorenzo Chargualaf Pangelinan
Brother in law: Jose Isaias Lairopi Itibus
Sister in law: Felisa Sablan Pangelinan

He was survived by his children:

Joseph Camacho Pangelinan (Nicole and Lawrence)
Jeffrey Camacho Pangelinan/Ariann Flores Pangelinan (Reana, Jaime, Franklin, Jeffrey James II)
Keolani Vincent Pangelinan

He was additionally survived by his Brothers/Sisters/In-laws

Felicita H. Pangelinan and Children
Jose Chargualaf Pangelinan/Ophelia Pangelinan and Children
Trinidad P. Crisostomo/Jesus A. Crisostomo and Children
Rosalina P. Santos/Roman N. Santos and Children
Francisco Chargualaf Pangelinan/Maria SN. Pangelinan and Children
Juanita Pangelinan Itibus and Children
Magdalena P. Quitugua/Mark B.Quitugua and Children

Nightly masses are being held at San Vicente Church at 6:00 PM on November 12, 2012 until November 19, 2012. Viewing will be held at the CHC Chapel on November 20, 2012 at 6:00AM. Rosary will be said at 8:00 AM and Responso will be at 9:00 AM. His remains will be escorted to Our Lady of Mount Carmel Cathedral which will be followed by his Funeral Mass at 10:00 AM. His remains will be buried at the Chalan Kanoa Cemetery.

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Twilight: Breaking Dawn Part 2

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Saturday	1:00	4:00	7:00	9:30
Sunday	1:00	4:00	7:00	
Monday thru Thursday		4:00	7:00	

Cast: Kristen Stewart, Robert Pattinson, Taylor Lautner
Genre: Fantasy • Rated PG13

Synopsis
The epic love story between Bella Swan and Edward Cullen concludes in this final installment of Stephenie Meyer's best-selling series. Dreamgirls' Bill Condon directs this second segment of the two film adaptation.

Flight

Friday		4:10	7:10	9:55
Saturday	1:10	4:10	7:10	9:55
Sunday	1:10	4:10	7:10	
Monday thru Thursday		4:10	7:10	

Cast: Denzel Washington, Don Cheadle, Kelly Reilly
Genre: Drama • Rated R

Synopsis
A pilot with a substance abuse problem has to land a crippled airliner in this Robert Zemeckis-directed drama for Paramount Pictures. Real Steel's John Gatins provides the script. Denzel Washington stars.

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Skyfall

Friday		4:15	7:15	10:00
Saturday	1:15	4:15	7:15	10:00
Sunday	1:15	4:15	7:15	
Monday thru Thursday		4:15	7:15	

Cast: Daniel Craig, Judi Dench, Javier Bardem
Genre: Spy film, Action • Rated PG13

Synopsis
James Bond returns for another entry in the secret-agent franchise with Sam Mendes at the helm and Daniel Craig back for the twenty-third official Bond film. Neal Purvis, Robert Wade and John Logan provide the script.

Wreck-It Ralph 3D

Friday			7:05	9:35
Saturday	1:05		7:05	9:35
Sunday	1:05		7:05	
Monday thru Thursday			7:05	

Cast: John C. Reilly, Sarah Silverman
Genre: Children's/family • Rated PG

Wreck-It Ralph 2D

Friday		4:05		
Saturday		4:05		
Sunday		4:05		
Monday thru Thursday		4:05		

Cast: John C. Reilly, Sarah Silverman
Genre: Children's/family • Rated PG

Silent Hill: Revelation 3D

Friday		4:30	7:30	9:45
Saturday	1:30	4:30	7:30	9:45
Sunday	1:30	4:30	7:30	
Monday thru Thursday		4:30	7:30	

Cast: Adelaide Clemens, Carrie-Anne Moss
Genre: Horror • Rated R

Here Comes The Boom

Friday		4:20	7:20	9:40
Saturday	1:20	4:20	7:20	9:40
Sunday	1:20	4:20	7:20	
Monday thru Thursday		4:20	7:20	

Cast: Kevin James, Henry Winkler, Salma Hayek
Genre: Comedy • Rated PG

Hotel Transylvania 2D

Friday		4:25	7:25	9:50
Saturday	1:25	4:25	7:25	9:50
Sunday	1:25	4:25	7:25	
Monday thru Thursday		4:25	7:25	

Cast: Adam Sandler, Selena Gomez, Kevin James
Genre: Children's/family • Rated PG

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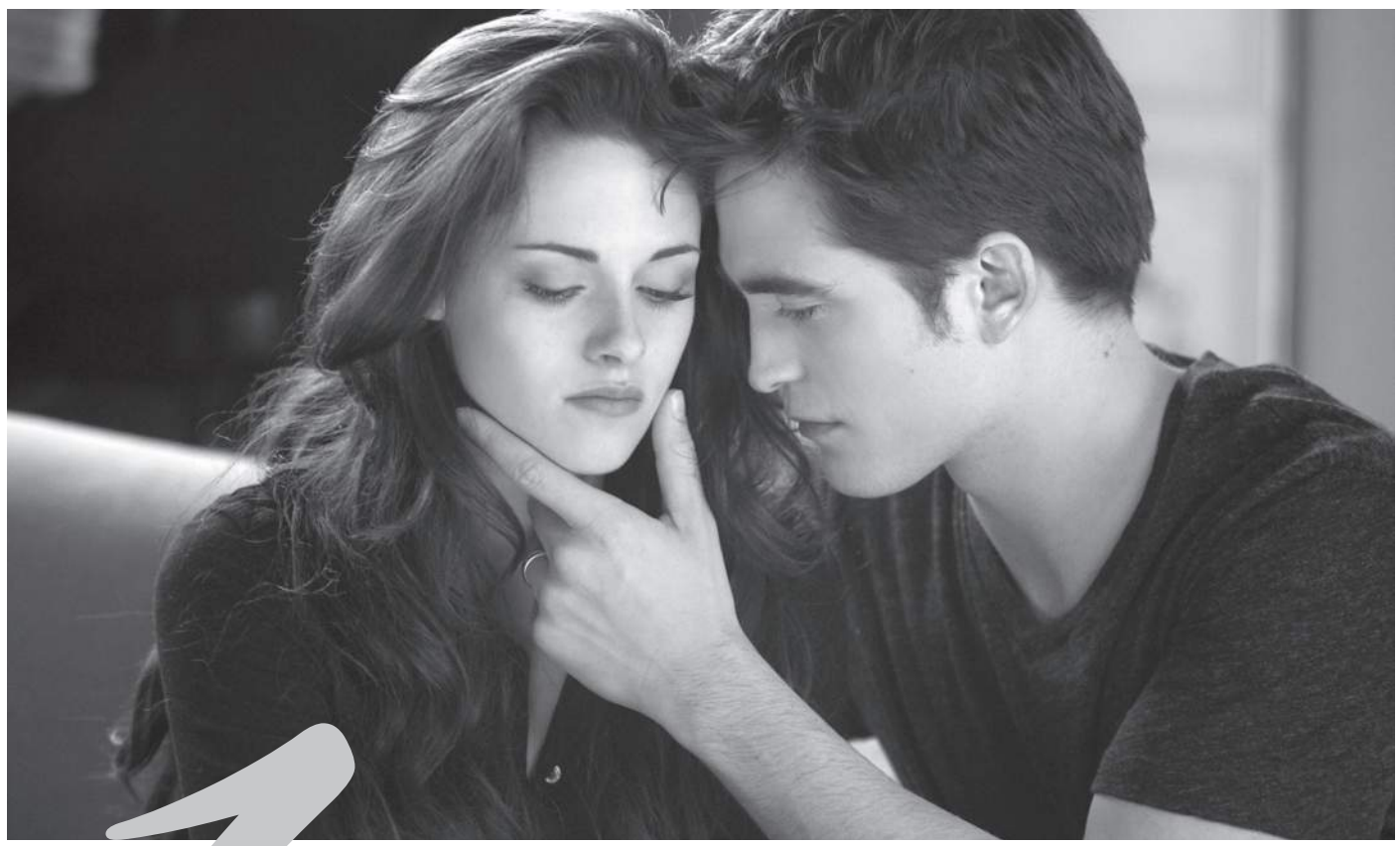
Life & Style

Stewart and Pattinson say goodbye to 'Twilight'



AP

This film image released by Summit Entertainment shows Kristen Stewart, left, and Robert Pattinson in a scene from "The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn Part 2."

By SANDY COHEN
AP ENTERTAINMENT WRITER

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Kristen Stewart and Robert Pattinson sit side by side on a sofa at the Four Seasons hotel, discussing the end of the five-film project that made them famous and brought them together.

"Twilight" rocketed both to superstardom, and their real-life romance only propelled them further. With Friday's release of the final film in the franchise, "The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn—Part 2," the young actors bid farewell to the worldwide fantasy sensation, but not to the tabloid attention they garner wherever they go.

Dedicated Twi-Hards were devastated when Stewart admitted in July to cheating on Pattinson in a "momentary indiscretion" with her married "Snow White and the Huntsman" director. Bella and Edward, er, Stewart and Pattinson briefly split, which not only threatened to jeopardize marketing for the final "Twilight" film, but unraveled the real-life element of the vampire love story.

Now reunited, the pair finish each other's sentences during a recent interview as they talk about how much their lives have changed since the first "Twilight" movie was released in 2008.

"After the first one, I mean, it's a different world you're living in," says Pattinson, 26.

"Also, we're at that stage of life when things are shifting anyway," adds Stewart, 22, who was just 17 when she first played Bella Swan.

Global fame makes growing up challenging, they say, acknowledging they've become more insular.

"It's a really weird thing because you kind of have to hide," Pattinson says, "and hiding really destroys the thing which, for one thing..."

Stewart interjects: "That fuels you as an actor."

"Yeah. It destroys your fuel," he continues, "and also it destroys—you get to the point where you start to lose interest in things because you spend so much time..."

"Guarding," Stewart says.

"Yeah, and that's your world," Pattinson says. "Your world gets smaller. There's a massive contraction. And the weirdest thing is the more you contract it, the more the (public) interest goes up. It's so crazy. There's no way around it. You're either on a 24-7 reality-TV show, or people think you should be."

"No, it's hilarious," Stewart says, not looking like she finds it very funny. "Either way, people are like, 'Ugh. Famewhores.'"

But she has wanted every "Twilight" film to be successful and knows it's not popular to complain about the personal costs of fame.

"This is a really scary question to answer because people instantly just hate you for even saying that anything is close to unsavory or whatever or however you want to put it," she says.

Director Bill Condon, who began working with Stewart, Pattinson and Taylor Lautner in 2010, says the young megastars understand the pressures of the spotlight.

"They appreciated the good stuff about it, they were able to kind of glide through the stuff that wasn't so good, and, really, they're three very grounded human beings who really just, I have to say, matured into better versions of themselves," Condon said. "They didn't get altered by it, which is kind of extraordinary."

Stewart said it's been an indulgence to play the same character for so long, but there is some relief in having reached the end of her story.

"There are so many beloved moments in this series that we would think about for five years," she said. "They weigh on you, whereas in a normal movie, you've got five weeks, five months... We, for five years, have been waiting for the story to be told. And now that it is, I don't want to say that I'm so excited that it's done, because that sounds like I just don't want to do it anymore, but I'm just excited that we don't have that on us anymore."

Wrapping up the second "Breaking Dawn" film was a relief for Condon, too.

"It's something you obsess on for so long," he said. "It's good to say goodbye to it."

Pattinson and Stewart are also glad to finish the last round of "Twilight" promotions and press interviews.

"Doing press for a different movie, you're literally just talking about the movie," Pattinson says. "This, 90 percent of the time we're talking about our lives rather than the movie."

"But this is it," Stewart says. "It definitely makes today easier."

SHOWBIZ TIDBITS

Dave Matthews Band pledges $1M for Sandy relief

NEW YORK (AP)—The Dave Matthews Band is giving $1 million to help Superstorm Sandy recovery efforts. The band announced Wednesday that the Nov. 30 opening show in New Jersey of its winter tour will be a benefit concert. All ticket and merchandise sales will go to the Bama Works Sandy Relief Fund, established at the Community Foundation of New Jersey.

Sandy caused widespread damage and power outages in New Jersey and New York when it hit more than two weeks ago. The Grammy-winning group says tickets are still on sale for the Nov. 30 show.

Judge tosses anti-paparazzi counts in Bieber case

LOS ANGELES (AP)—A judge has dismissed a charge against a photographer accused of recklessly pursuing Justin Bieber. Freelancer Paul Raef was the first person charged under a new California law targeting reckless driving by paparazzi seeking shots of celebrities. Los Angeles Judge Thomas Rubinson dismissed the charge Wednesday after hearing arguments from an attorney for Raef. Rubinson said the law is overly broad and he cited numerous problems with its construction. Raef's attorneys argued the law was unconstitutional. The photographer still faces counts for reckless driving and for following other cars too closely. Prosecutors allege he chased Bieber at more than 80 mph (128 kph) and forced other motorists to avoid collisions while Raef tried to get shots of the teen heartthrob. Raef has not yet entered a plea in the case.

Chris Pine on Jack Frost, Jack Ryan, the bogeyman

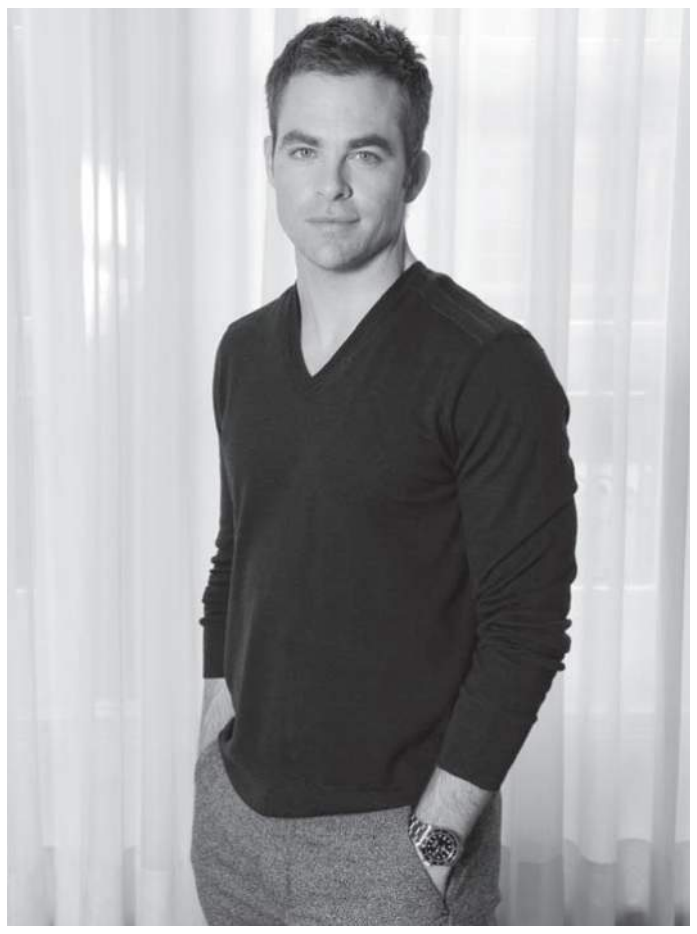
LONDON (AP)—As a kid, Chris Pine used to be afraid of the bogeyman. Now he fights one on the big screen.

The 32-year-old American actor is taking on his first voice-over role as Jack Frost in the DreamWorks animated film "Rise of the Guardians." His winter wonderland character is asked to join Santa, the Easter Bunny and the Tooth Fairy—played by Alec Baldwin, Hugh Jackman and Isla Fisher—to defeat a bogeyman called Pitch (Jude Law).

Pine says the most magical part is getting to see his vocals combined with the animators' work.

"By the time you get to see it all put together, it's many, many months, even years down the road. I saw one version of it three months ago and was astounded by how unique the art looked," he told The Associated Press in an interview.

Pine took a break from being the latest actor to portray Tom Clancy's hero character Jack Ryan in London to talk about his own battles with the bogeyman.



AP

This Wednesday Sept. 19, 2012 photo shows Chris Pine posing for a portrait session at Claridges, in London.

AP: Try and describe this film ("Rise of the Guardians"). Is it a bit like "The Avengers"?

PINE: I guess so, it's like 'Avengers' for kids. It's every character that you knew from growing up—from Santa Claus to Sandman to the Tooth Fairy to the Easter Bunny—all brought together as this fantastic crime-fighting team.

AP: Would you say they're myths or legends?

PINE: I would say they're legends ... these different legends that we've all known as children growing up, no matter where you are or where you live, all come together. It's a timeless story about belief and the power of the imagination.

AP: What's your voiceover outfit when you turn up to be Jack Frost?

PINE: (When) I used to go out for commercials, I always felt like a schmuck that I was on these awful auditions. And there would be these guys in sweat pants and mesh shorts that looked like they hadn't shaved in many months. They looked like they were having the time of their lives and they were always the voiceover artists. Comfort's the name of the game— sweat pants and sandals.

AP: Will this appeal to the kids in your family?

PINE: Probably this and what I called my big hair picture, 'The Princess Diaries 2.' I'm really, really excited to show my nephew and all the kids in my life this film. For me growing up, Christmas time was always the most fantastic, exciting time of year, and you'd stay up until three in the morning. You'd hear the parents wrapping in the other room but you knew that also, maybe, they were in collusion with Santa Claus.

AP: When you were younger were you ever scared of the bogeyman?

PINE: I don't know any kid that's not afraid at some point going to bed with the lights off, totally. That's why they make nightlights. I guess it took me some time to get used to it.

AP: Can you put an age on that?

PINE: Twenty-four.

AP: So you can now sleep with the lights off?

PINE: Not really, but I'm getting there.

AP: What gives you nightmares?

PINE: Not a fan of spiders. I saw the movie 'Arachnophobia' which was single-handedly rated in the top three worse choices of my life.

AP: You've been filming "Jack Ryan"—how's it been going? I've seen pictures of you in the papers throwing Keira Knightley in and out of cars.

PINE: I saw those guys with the huge telephoto lenses in the pouring rain, those poor guys (laughs)! They were getting drenched. I don't feel too much pity for them. It's a lot of fun and Keira's really lovely.

'Gangnam Style' star joins Madonna onstage in NYC

NEW YORK (AP)—Madonna has gone "Gangnam Style."

Korean pop star PSY joined the pop icon Tuesday night during her second show this week at Madison Square Garden in New York. They danced to his pop culture anthem "Gangnam Style" and to her jam "Music" in front of nearly 20,000 people.

Madonna said PSY flew "all the way from Frankfurt, Germany this morning." She said she was a big fan of the rapper and loved his suit, which was bright red.

PSY added that he's had a lot of experiences in the last few months, and that performing with Madonna topped his list.

Madonna also collected money for those affected by Superstorm Sandy. Fans threw money onstage while she sang "Like a Virgin." She said she collected $3,000 at Monday's show.

Erdrich wins National Book Award for fiction

NEW YORK (AP)—The National Book Awards on Wednesday honored both longtime writers and new authors, from Louise Erdrich for "The Round House" to Katherine Boo for her debut work, "Beyond the Beautiful Forevers."

Erdrich, 58, has been a published and highly regarded author for nearly 30 years but had never won a National Book Award until being cited Wednesday for her story about an Ojibwe boy and his quest to avenge his mother's rape. A clearly delighted and surprised Erdrich, who is part Ojibwe, spoke in her tribal tongue and then switched to English as she dedicated her fiction award to "the grace and endurance of native people."

Boo's nonfiction book, set in a Mumbai slum, also is a story of a boy and his harsh and illuminating education in the consequences of crime or perceived crime. The author, a Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist currently on staff with The New Yorker, said she was grateful for the chance to live in a world she "didn't know" and for the chance to tell the stories of those otherwise ignored. She praised a fellow nominee and fellow Pulitzer-winning reporter, the late Anthony Shadid, for also believing in stories of those without fame or power.

Poetry winner David Ferry is a year older than one of the night's honorary recipients, Elmore Leonard. Ferry, 88, won for "Bewilderment: New Poems and Translations," a showcase for his versatile style. He fought back tears as he confided that he thought there was a chance for winning because he "was so much older" than the other nominees. He called the award a "pre-posthumous" honor.

The other competitive prize Wednesday went to William Alexander, whose "Goblin Secrets" won for young people's literature.

Alexander quoted fellow fantasy writer Ursula Le Guin in highlighting the importance of stories for shaping kids' imaginations and making the world a larger place than the one they live in.

"We have to remember that," Alexander said.

The ceremony went smoothly even though Superstorm Sandy badly damaged the offices of the award's organizer, the National Book Foundation, whose staffers had to work with limited telephone and mail access.

Winners, chosen by panels of fellow writers, each received $10,000. Judges looked through nearly 1,300 books.

Honorary prizes were given to Leonard and New York Times publisher and chairman Arthur O. Sulzberger Jr.

Rocky's not so tough: Sly outnumbered by his girls

ROME (AP)—Rocky's going soft.

Sylvester Stallone confessed Wednesday he's woefully outnumbered at home by his girls—and couldn't be happier.

Stallone

Presenting his latest film "Bullet to the Head" screening at the Rome Film Festival, he said Wednesday: "I came into my life like Rambo, like Rocky: Boom, boom, no problem. And then one girl, two girls, three of them."

He continued: "Then I realized in my house, you got three girls, a wife, two housekeepers and all the dogs are girls, five dogs. It's just me and my dog that was castrated."

Stallone struck a humorous tone, regaling reporters with the wisdom he's gained over the years in Hollywood: "Never give up."

He didn't mention the death of his eldest child Sage, who died in July at age 36 of a heart condition.

Small, yipping dog is more than boyfriend can handle

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN
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Dear Abby

DEAR ABBY: My boyfriend, "Richard," and I are a mature couple who have been seeing each other for three years. I love him. My dog is the issue.

"Princess" is a 2-year-old rat terrier/mini-pinscher mix. She weighs 9 pounds and is spoiled. (I admit I'm a softy when it comes to discipline.) She barks at anyone and anything she sees. Her barks are shrill and can be annoying. But I live alone and feel she is protecting me.

Richard can no longer tolerate Princess' barking and has curbed his visits considerably. Except for this issue, he is my dream guy, and I feel lucky to have found him. I was married for more than 20 years to a controlling man, and I had to defer or compromise on everything. I will not compromise on this. I feel Richard should understand my attachment to Princess, especially when he's not around.

I miss him. Our dates are now only occasional. He thinks I prefer the dog over him, and that's not the case. Am I being selfish? Why can't I have them both? Is there a future for us, or have we reached an impasse?

WON'T GIVE UP THE PUP, LAFAYETTE, LA.

DEAR WON'T GIVE UP: Loving one's dog is not being selfish. You COULD have them both if you would contact a dog trainer and start giving Princess a doggy education that includes boundaries. Incessant barking should not be allowed.

Perhaps once Richard sees that Princess no longer regards him as a hostile intruder, he will feel more welcome. But that could take some work on the part of all three of you, if he's still willing.

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DEAR ABBY: My grandpa remarried when I was a child. He and Grandma "Ella" each have five children. She is a wonderful woman.

When the holidays roll around, especially Thanksgiving and Christmas, my grandparents always host at their home. They spend all day fixing up the house and preparing the food. When it's time to eat, Grandma Ella's children think they should be first in the line. If someone else tries (some of us on my grandfather's side of the family have small children), they grumble and complain.

When the dinner is over, it's always my mom, one of my two aunts and me doing the dishes and cleaning up. Grandma Ella's family never help. They just stroll back into the living room and watch TV or leave to go somewhere else. It would be nice to get some help once in a while so Mom, my aunts and I could also relax after the meal. Just leaving the mess is not an option. We tried it once, and Grandma and Grandpa ended up doing it. Any advice?

STRESSED IN ADVANCE IN IOWA

DEAR STRESSED: Gladly! This Thanksgiving when everyone arrives, Grandma and Grandpa should cheerfully inform the happy revelers that small children will be fed first, regardless of whose side of the family they come from. At the same time, each of the adults should be ASSIGNED a clean-up chore so one side of the family isn't stuck with the entire burden. Unless your grandparents assert themselves, nothing will change, so please suggest this to them in advance.

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DEAR ABBY: When a man is married, who is supposed to come first in his life—his wife or his mother?

TIRED OF BEING SECOND STRING

DEAR TIRED: At the risk of sounding preachy, the Scripture says a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife. As much as a man may love his mother, in order to have a strong and healthy marriage, his wife should come first if he must make a choice.

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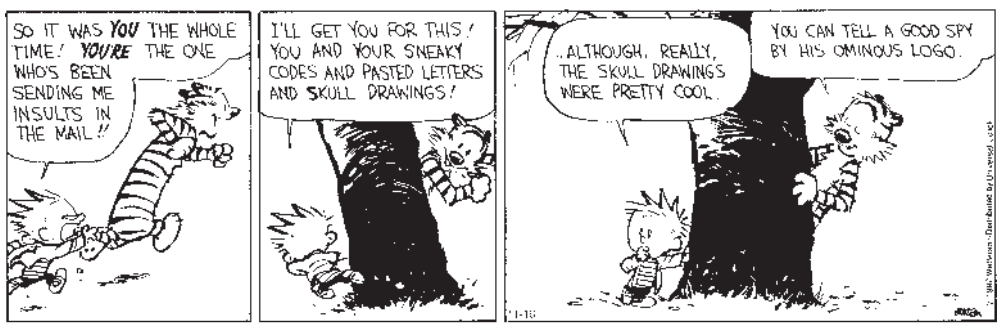
Pastimes

Calvin and Hobbes

By Bill Waterson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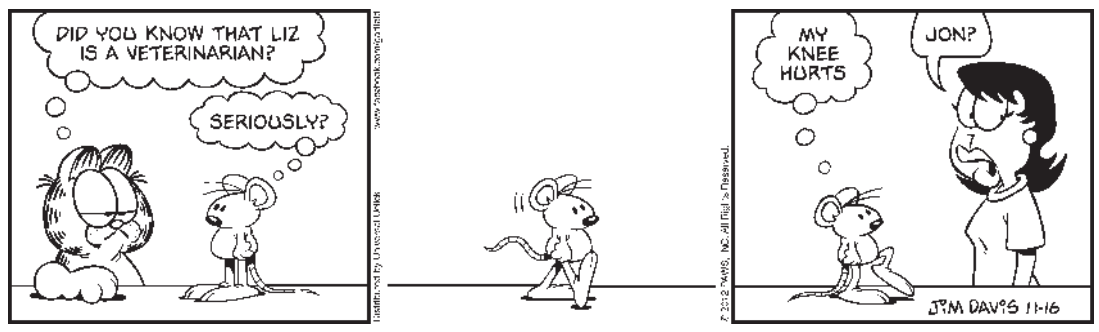

Adam@home

By Bryan Basset

ADAM, YOU HAVE TO ADMIT THIS HOUSE IS GETTING SMALL.
I ADMIT NOTHING.
DO YOU ADMIT THAT BRUCE SPRINGSTEEN IS "THE BOSS"?
OBJECTION! COUNSEL IS LEADING THE WITNESS!
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
IF I ANSWER THAT BRUCE IS "THE BOSS," HE USURPS YOUR PLACE ON THE THRONE.
OBJECTION SUSTAINED.
I'D NOW ASK THE COURT'S PERMISSION FOR SOME SNUGGLING.

The Duplex

By Glenn McCoy

CROSSWORD

By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS

1 Muppet master Henson
4 Wile E. Coyote's supplier
8 Low- — diet
12 Mimic
13 Make dinner
14 Medley
15 Preside over
17 Walden, for one
18 Mountain goat
19 Feudal lord
20 Choir members
22 You
24 Slender
25 Mao Zedong's title
29 Encountered
30 Band section
31 Praise in verse
32 Like kebab
34 Greek letters
35 Walk in the woods
36 Expositions
37 Less
40 Sicko, for short
41 Rue the run
42 Steep
46 Bistro name starter
47 Shakespeare's river
48 Plaything
49 Broadway prize
50 Wilson predecessor
51 Ram's ma'am

DOWN

1 Predicament
2 Wall St. debut
3 Indulge in reflection
4 Farm statistic
5 Wheedle
6 Witticism
7 — out a living
8 Office machine
9 — vera
10 Circle
11 Olympic skier Miller
16 Black, in verse
19 Island neckwear
20 Charitable donations
21 Onion relative
22 Crowd?
23 Full house, e.g.
25 Stopper
26 Spur on
27 Hebrew month
28 Loch — Monster
30 Estate recipient
33 Asthmatic, maybe
34 Deserve
36 Pretense
37 Datum
38 Reverberate
39 Timely query
40 Campus VIP
42 Wrestling surface
43 Actress Gardner
44 AAA job
45 Storm center

Solution time: 25 mins.

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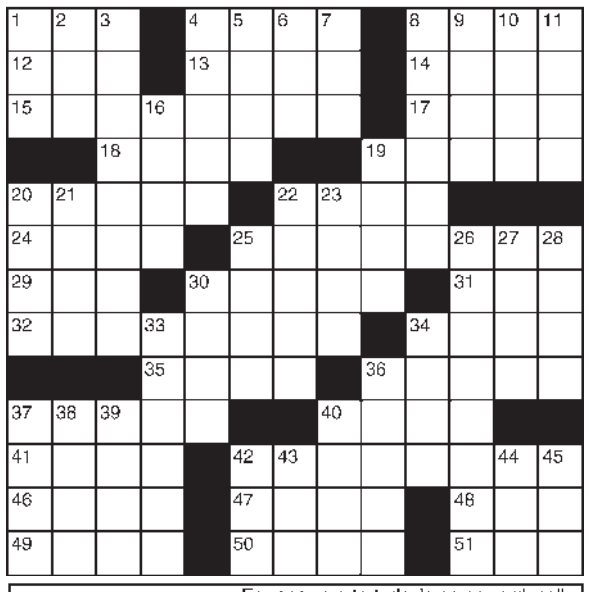
Yesterday's answer 11-16



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CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Maggie Gyllenhaal, 35; Martha Plimpton, 42; Dean McDermott, 46; Marg Helgenberger, 54.

Happy Birthday: Consider what's doable before you jump into a plan that is faulty. Change can be good, but only if it is practical and thought out. Jumping to conclusions, taking on too much or being impulsive will not help you emotionally, financially or professionally. Your numbers are 9, 13, 16, 24, 32, 37, 40.

ARIES (*March 21-April 19*): Concentrate on the journey, not the destination. Detach yourself emotionally so that you can get the full benefit from the experience or lesson. An opportunity to diversify professionally is heading your way. ✪✪

TAURUS (*April 20-May 20*): Take a moment to listen to what others have to say. The information you gather will change your mind or the way you move forward with your plans. Consider a partnership that is geared toward helping a cause you believe in. ✪✪✪✪

GEMINI (*May 21-June 20*): Do what you can for others. Looking for solutions that service bigger purposes will be seen as an admirable move on your part. Love is in the stars, and letting someone know how you feel will enhance the connection. ✪✪✪

CANCER (*June 21-July 22*): Contribute wholeheartedly to any agreement or partnership you take on. There is plenty of room to advance if you are innovative and willing to adapt to new situations and ways of doing things. A serious attitude will bring fabulous results. ✪✪✪

LEO (*July 23-Aug. 22*): Stay on top of your responsibilities. You will be criticized if you do not follow through or honor a promise. You'll be enticed by a proposal or chance to try something new, but it's important to finish your chores first. ✪✪✪

VIRGO (*Aug. 23-Sept. 22*): You have plenty of good ideas that you can parlay into a new job, pastime or even an interesting partnership. Follow your gut feeling and you will reach your goal. A social gathering with peers will give you insight into how they operate. ✪✪✪✪✪

LIBRA (*Sept. 23-Oct. 22*): Consider your options and the way you can put a service you offer or a skill you have to better use. Future trends must be considered if you want to be in demand. A change personally, professionally or geographically looks promising but initially stressful. ✪✪✪✪

SCORPIO (*Oct. 23-Nov. 21*): Don't get down when what you need to do is muster up some courage and come out fighting. Control whatever situation you face. Believe in who you are and what you are capable of doing. Now is a good time to brag. ✪✪✪

SAGITTARIUS (*Nov. 22-Dec. 21*): Take on a challenge. Don't shy away from a little added pressure. Stand tall and speak up about what you want and what you are willing to give back in return. Love is highlighted, and sharing something you treasure will pay off. ✪✪✪

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CAPRICORN (*Dec. 22-Jan. 19*): Clear up any pending emotional or personal problems. Your insight will guide you in a profitable direction. Don't mess with regulations or you will have to redo whatever you don't do right the first time. Honesty and integrity are key. ✪✪✪

AQUARIUS (*Jan. 20-Feb. 18*): Take action if there are things you can do to help someone in need. Your bravery and fast response will impress someone who can help you out financially. Moderate your diet and you will feel and look better. Focus on the future. ✪✪✪

PISCES (*Feb. 19-March 20*): Get whatever is bothering you out in the open and accept the outcome. Plan to make amends so that you can move forward. Learn from past experience, and do your best to fix situations that are holding you back. ✪✪✪✪

Birthday Baby: You are a proud and competitive participant. You are dedicated and determined.

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SUDOKU

Conceptis Sudoku *By Dave Green*

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Yesterday's SUDOKU Answer

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By DAVID OUELLET

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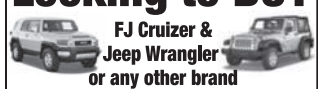
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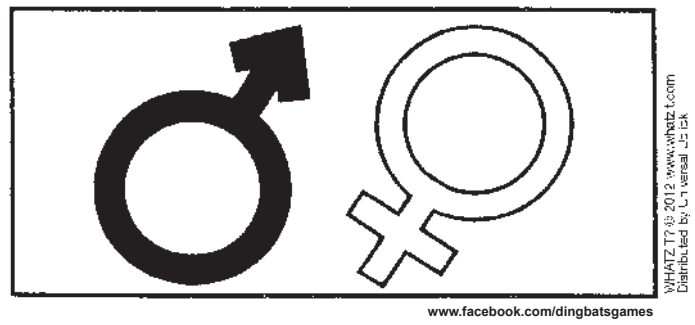

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R.A. Dickey, David Price win Cy Young awards

NEW YORK (AP)—R.A. Dickey languished in the minors for 14 years, bouncing from one team to another before finally perfecting that perplexing knuckleball that made him a major league star.

David Price was the top pick in the draft and an ace by age 25, throwing 98 mph heat with a left arm live enough to make the most hardened scout sing.

Raised only 34 miles apart in central Tennessee, Dickey and Price won baseball's Cy Young awards on Wednesday—one by a wide margin, the other in a tight vote.

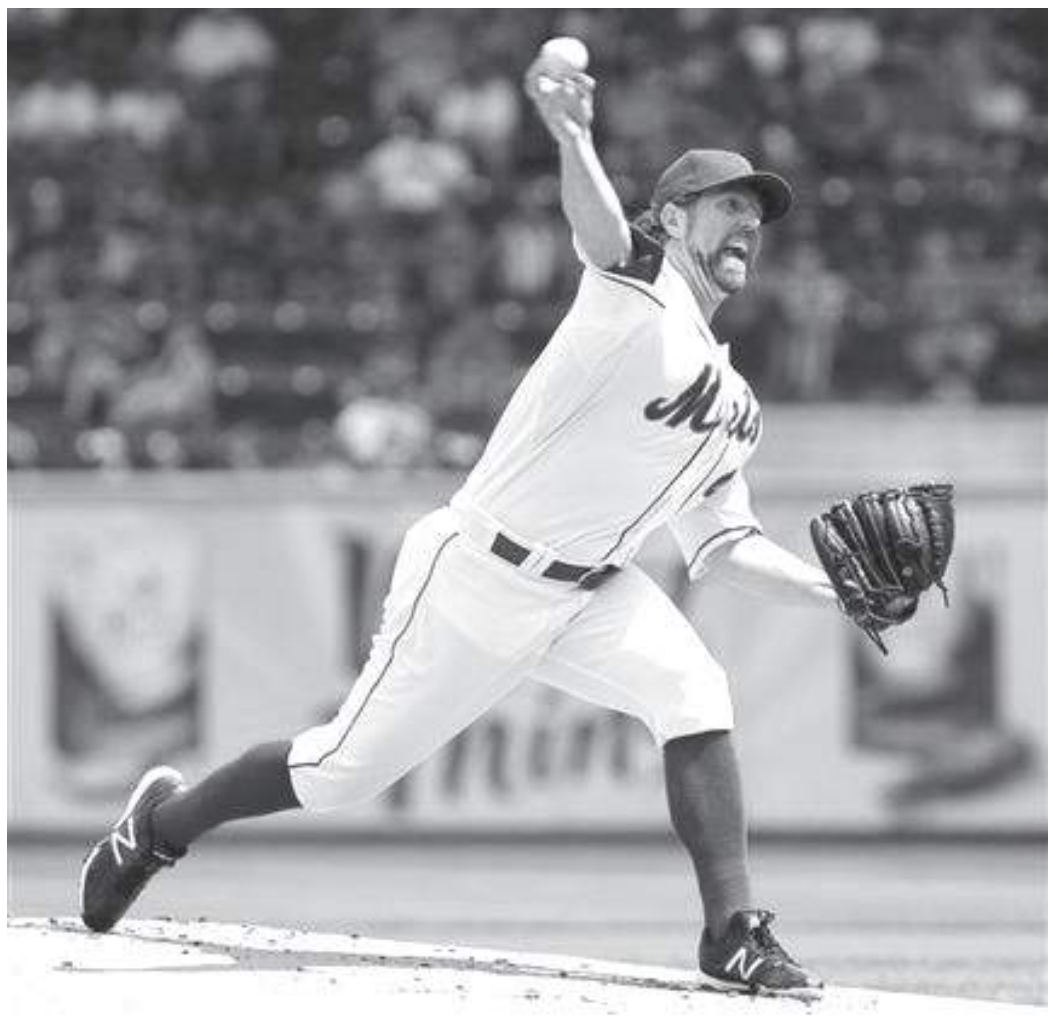
Two paths to the pantheon of pitching have rarely been more different.

"Isn't that awesome?" said Dickey, the first knuckleballer to win a Cy Young. "It just shows you there's not just one way to do it, and it gives hope to a lot of people."

Dickey said he jumped up and yelled in excitement, scaring one of his kids, when he saw on television that Price edged Justin Verlander for the American League prize. Both winners are represented by Bo McKinnis, who watched the announcements with Dickey at his home in Nashville, Tenn.

"I guess we can call him Cy agent now," Price quipped on a conference call.

The hard-throwing lefty barely beat out Verlander in balloting by the Baseball Writers' Association of America, preventing the Detroit Tigers' ace from winning consecutive Cy Youngs.



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This Aug. 9, 2012 file photo shows New York Mets' R.A. Dickey pitching during the first inning of a baseball game against the Miami Marlins at Citi Field in New York.

Runner-up two years ago, Price was the pick this time. He received 14 of 28 first-place votes and finished with 153 points to 149 for Verlander, chosen first on 13 ballots.

"It means a lot," Price said. "It's something that I'll always have. It's something that they can't take away from me."

Other than a 1969 tie between Mike Cuellar and Denny McLain, it was the closest race in the history of the AL award.

Rays closer Fernando Rodney got the other first-place vote and came in fifth.

The 38-year-old Dickey was listed first on 27 of 32 National League ballots and totaled 209 points, 113 more than 2011 winner Clayton Kershaw of the Los Angeles Dodgers. Washington lefty Gio Gonzalez finished third.

Cincinnati right-hander Johnny Cueto and Atlanta closer Craig Kimbrel each received a first-place vote, as did Gonzalez. Kershaw had two.

Dickey joined Dwight Gooden (1985) and three-time winner Tom Seaver as the only Mets to win the award. The right-hander went 20-6 with a 2.73 ERA, making him the club's first 20-game winner since Frank Viola in 1990, and became the first major leaguer in 24 years to throw consecutive one-hitters.

Perhaps most impressive, Dickey did it all during a season when the fourth-place Mets finished 74-88.

"It just feels good all over," he said on MLB Network.

Dickey switched from conventional pitcher to full-time knuckleballer in a last-ditch effort to save his career. It took him years to finally master the floating, darting pitch, which he often throws harder (around 80 mph) and with more precision than almost anyone who used it before him.

"I knew what I was going to be up against in some regard when I embraced this pitch," Dickey said.

He was the first cut at Mets spring training in 2010 but earned a spot in the big league rotation later that season and blossomed into a dominant All-Star this year. He led the NL in strikeouts (230), innings (233 2-3), complete games (five) and shutouts (three)—pitching through an abdominal injury most of the way.

"I am not a self-made man by any stretch of the imagination," Dickey said. "The height of this story, it's mind-blowing to me, it really is."

A member of the 1996 U.S. Olympic team and a first-round draft pick out of Tennessee, Dickey was devastated when the Texas Rangers reduced their signing-bonus offer from more than $800,000 to $75,000 after they discovered during a physical that he was missing a major ligament in his pitching elbow.

Undeterred, perseverance got him to the big leagues anyway. When he failed, the knuckleball brought him back.

Among those he thanked ceaselessly for helping him on that long and winding road to success were all his proud knuckleball mentors, including Charlie Hough, Tim Wakefield and Hall of Famer Phil Niekro.

"It brings a real degree of legitimacy I think to the knuckleball fraternity and I'm glad to represent them and I'm certainly grateful to all those guys," Dickey said. "This was a victory for all of us."

Dickey said he received 127 text messages and 35-40 phone calls in the moments immediately following the Cy Young announcement.

Gay's 28 points help Grizzlies beat Thunder

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP)—Rudy Gay scored a season-high 28 points, Zach Randolph added 20 points and 11 rebounds before getting ejected along with Oklahoma City's Kendrick Perkins during a late-game altercation, and the Memphis Grizzlies beat the Thunder 107-97 on Wednesday night.

Marc Gasol chipped in 14 points as the Grizzlies continued the best start in franchise history by winning their sixth straight game. They took control by outscoring Oklahoma City by 21 in the second quarter, and never gave it up.

Kevin Durant scored a season-high 34 points and Russell Westbrook had 17 points and 13 assists as both Oklahoma City All-Stars logged more than 42 minutes for the second straight game while trying to lead a fourth-quarter comeback.

This time it fell short as the Thunder had their five-game winning streak snapped.

Clippers 107, Heat 100

In Los Angeles, Blake Griffin and Chris Paul had double-doubles, with Paul keying a third-quarter spurt that helped carry Los Angeles past Miami.

Griffin had 20 points and 14 rebounds and Paul had 16 points and 10 assists to lead five players in double figures in the Clippers' fourth straight win. Jamal Crawford added 22 points off the bench.

LeBron James scored 30 points for the defending NBA champions, who lost their fifth in a row against the Clippers in Los Angeles. Ray Allen added 14 points, including four 3-pointers, as the Heat dropped to 2-2 on their six-game trip.

Dwyane Wade was held to six points—well below his 18.4 average—while playing with a sprained left foot that kept him out of the morning shootaround.

The Clippers were clinging to a 72-70 lead in the third quarter when Paul switched from distributor to scorer, running off 13 straight points and extending the advantage to 85-74 going into the fourth.

Bulls 112, Suns 106, OT

In Phoenix, Carlos Boozer had 28 points and 14 rebounds to help Chicago outlast Phoenix in overtime.

Boozer, who scored 31 against the Suns in the previous meeting last season, was a force at power forward again. He made 11 of 20 shots and had his way inside as the Bulls scored 50 points in the paint. Luol Deng added 21 points and center Joakim Noah had 21 points and 12 rebounds.

Chicago scored six points on putbacks in a 10-0 run that gave the Bulls a 79-61 lead in the third quarter. But the Suns fought back in the fourth by being active on the offensive boards. Luis Scola had 24 points and 14 rebounds, while Sebastian Telfair scored 17 off the bench.

Pistons 94, 76ers 76

In Philadelphia, Greg Monroe had 19 points, 18 rebounds and six assists to help Detroit beat Philadelphia for its first win of the season.

Kyle Singler scored 16 points, and Tayshaun Prince and Brandon Knight each had 15 for a Detroit team off to the worst start in franchise history. Playing their seventh road game this season, the Pistons (1-8) controlled the lethargic Sixers from the opening tip.

Four Pistons starters scored in double digits and forward Jason Maxiell had eight points and 12 rebounds.

The Sixers easily played their worst game of the season, making only 25 of 84 shots for 30 percent. Lavoy Allen led them with 14 points.

Rockets 100, Hornets 96

In Houston. James Harden scored 30 points and Omer Asik added 15 points and 12 rebounds as Houston held off New Orleans.

Harden went 10 for 20 from the field but only 1 of 7 from 3-point range. He reached 30 points for the third time in seven games with the Rockets.

Greivis Vasquez scored a career-high 24 for the Hornets, despite hurting his left ankle in the third quarter and briefly leaving the game. Anthony Davis had only eight points on 2-for-7 shooting.

The Rockets built a 21-point lead in the first half. Chandler Parsons sank a pivotal 3-pointer and fadeaway jumper late to help Houston win for the second time in five home games.

Mavericks 107, Wizards 101

In Dallas, Chris Kaman had 23 points and eight rebounds in his second start for the Dallas Mavericks, who held on to beat winless Washington.

O.J. Mayo scored 25 as the Mavericks snapped a three-game losing streak since Kaman's only other start.

Washington (0-7) trailed by as many as 22 points before a 15-0 run in the fourth quarter. Cartier Martin capped that spurt with consecutive 3-pointers to pull the Wizards to 88-85. Kaman hit a short hook on the next Mavs possession.

Martin made another 3 in the closing seconds, but Kaman had another strong inside move and made the free throw.

Bobcats 89, Timberwolves 87

In Minneapolis, Kemba Walker's jumper with 0.7 seconds left lifted Charlotte over Minnesota.

Walker finished with 22 points, five assists and four rebounds, and his 19-footer over the outstretched arm of Alexey Shved helped the Bobcats to their first three-game winning streak since March 2011. Byron Mullens had 12 points and 15 rebounds and Ramon Sessions scored 18 for Charlotte.

Andrei Kirilenko had 26 points and 12 rebounds for the depleted Timberwolves, who used a 16-2 run to tie the game with 12.3 seconds left.

The Wolves were without six of their top seven players: Kevin Love (broken right hand), Ricky Rubio (left knee), Chase Budinger (left knee), Nikola Pekovic (left ankle), JJ Barea (left foot) and Brandon Roy (right knee).

Bucks 99, Pacers 85

In Milwaukee, Brandon Jennings and Monta Ellis scored 16 points apiece to help Milwaukee cruise past struggling Indiana.

Beno Udrih had nine points, 10 assists and six rebounds for the Bucks, who shot 42 percent from the field and improved to 2-2 at home.

Tyler Hansbrough scored 17 points for the Pacers. Indiana, which shot 38 percent, lost its fifth straight on the road after a season-opening win at Toronto.

The Bucks scored the first seven points of the game and led throughout. Their lead was as high as 27 in the second quarter and 32 early in the third before they played their reserves throughout the fourth.

Warriors 92, Hawks 88

In Oakland, Calif., rookie forward Harrison Barnes scored 19 points and grabbed 13 rebounds, making a pair of critical free throws in the final minute to help Golden State hold off shorthanded Atlanta.

David Lee added 18 points and 10 rebounds, and Stephen Curry scored 12 to put the Warriors ahead by 13 points early in the fourth quarter. The Hawks hacked that lead to two but Barnes and Jarrett Jack each made a pair of free throws to seal Golden State's victory.

Lou Williams scored 18 points, including three straight 3-pointers that whittled the Warriors' lead to a basket with 11.2 seconds remaining. Josh Smith added 16 points and 10 rebounds for Atlanta, which had Al Horford and Devin Harris out because of a stomach illness.

Guam jr. players join Tan Holdings Classic

Guam junior players will be competing in Week 1 of the 4th Annual Tan Holdings Tennis Classic, which kicks off today at the various courts on Saipan.

Tournament chair Lydia Tan said Brian and Victor Tuncap and Camdyn Nadler are coming to Saipan this weekend to challenge the host's players.

Nadler is seeded second in the girls U15 singles and is scheduled to face Emily Jones at 7pm tonight at the Hyatt Regency Saipan tennis court. Negahr Rastguiy is the event's top seed and will have her first match tomorrow against Ami Tsukagoshi at the American Memorial Park tennis courts at 8am. Isabel Heras, Julia Ishikawa, Carol Lee, and Liza Atalig complete the girls U15 field.

Nadler will also play in the women's open singles, challenging Mikayla Lopez and Thea Minor in a round-robin competition.

Brian Tuncap is entered both in the boys U15 and men's 4.0 singles. He earned a bye in the first round of the boys U15 singles, as he is the top-ranked in the draw and will have his debut in the junior competition tomorrow against the winner of the tonight 's match between Michael Ren and Luther Lizama.

ROSELYN B. MONROYO

Last year's Tan Holdings Classic U18 singles finalist Rafael Jones, seen here returning a shot from the baseline, will be competing against nine other players this weekend, including Guam's Victor Tuncap.

Incidentally, Tuncap is set to duel Ren in the first round of the men's 4.0 singles tonight at the Kanoa Resort at 8:30pm.

Brian's brother, Victor, is in the same draw, but drew a bye in the first round and will be battling the winner of the Lizama-Jonathan Posner tiff tomorrow at 7pm at the Fiesta Resort & Spa tennis courts. Posner and Lizama square off tonight at Kanoa at 8:30pm. Top seed Buddy Garote rounds out the field.

The older Victor will also participate in the boys U18 singles, facing Tommy Choi in the first round tonight at 5:30pm at the AMP court. Ten players are vying for the U18 championship, including the CNMI's Top 2 players Christian Miller and Rafael Jones.

Meanwhile, the men's open singles competition will also take place this weekend with last year's runner-up and tournament co-chair Bobby Cruz getting the top seed in the main draw. CNMI coach Jeff Race is also seeded (No.2) in the draw, which has eight players, including the lone female entry in the field—Thea Minor.

Over 100 Saipan players will be competing in Week 1 of the Tan Holdings Classic, while more Guam bets will come over in Week 2 (Nov. 21 and 23 to 25) to join the adults doubles and mixed doubles. Week 1 of the annual event is for juniors singles and doubles and adults singles' games. ***(Roselyn B. Monroyo)***

PIC hosts dodgeball tourney for PSS students

More than 100 students from the Public School System will compete in the 2012 Pacific Islands Club Dodgeball Tournament that will start today and run until tomorrow.

"This year, we decided to change the tournament format so that students from the elementary school level will have a chance to participate in a fun competition and help out their school at the same time," PIC operations and events manager Dennis Tababa said. "We looked at ways where we could involve the students in a fundraiser for P.E. equipment for their school."

Sponsorship from Pacific Trading Co., Gatorade, and PIC Saipan will provide funds for purchasing exercise equipment, such as basketballs, volleyballs, and other workout gear.

William S. Reyes Elementary School, Oleai Elementary School, San Antonio Elementary School, Garapan Elementary School, and Kagman Elementary School will join the weekend tournament. Games today start at 4:30pm, while Saturday matches will begin at 1pm. Students are encouraged to come to PIC's tennis court in San Antonio to cheer for their schools. ***(PIC)***

Fall festival, FA Challenge Cup set

It is all systems go for Northern Mariana Islands Football Association's season-ending events—the 2012 NMIFA Youth Fall Festival and the 2012 FA Challenge Cup.

The fall festival will be held tomorrow at three various fields and will feature teams in the U6, U8, U10, and U12 age groups.

Games in the U8 and U10 festival will be played at the Koblerville Elementary School Field from 8am to 1:30pm. Both the U8 and U10 age groups have seven teams: Shirley's FC, MP United 1 and 2, Paire 1 and 2, Tan Holdings FC, and Matansa. Each squad will play three games with each match lasting for 20 minutes.

The U12 festival also has seven teams, but matches will be played at the Hopwood Junior High School Field, which will be divided into two pitches, as games will be played in two 15-minute halves.

The U6 festival, which has six squads, has been moved from Gregorio T. Camacho Elementary School to Koblerville and will start at 2:30pm.

Scores and standings of each age group will not be tabulated at the end of the event, as the festival aimed at promoting friendly competition among the participating squads and celebrating the sport of football. All players/teams joining the festival are considered winners.

The real competition will be seen in the FA Challenge Cup, which will begin this Monday at 6pm at the Oleai Sports Complex Field.

Eleven teams will fight not only for bragging rights, but also for cash prizes. The list includes the boys U15 and U18 teams of Tan Holdings, MP United, and Paire, Matansa's boys U15, Paire and Independent FC's women's squads, and Rowdies and Cosmos of NMIFA's women's U21 league.

The FA Cup will have a single-elimination format with the lone team standing getting the champion purse of $500 and an extra $500 going to the winning squad's club. The runner-up wins $400, while $300 and $200 go to the third and fourth placers, respectively. Joeten, Top Notch, and Shirley's Coffee Shop donated the cash prizes. ***(Roselyn B. Monroyo)***

SONICS

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fensive stand that fueled a lot of easy points on the other end.

Aranda lit the wick with 5 more points at the start of the period, while teammate Nevin Salem came off the bench for a nice 10-point chunk that helped the squad pull away.

Rollers 1 was held to just 10 points in the third quarter and it was more of the same down the homestretch as the Sonics just grew stronger as the game progressed.

Smelling blood, the Sonics did not let up until the last minute of regulation, but nevertheless still managed to drop in one final shot for good measure as Rollers 1 basically conceded in the last 30 seconds with the game simply out of reach.

The Sonics boasted seven different contributors in the payoff period. Aranda went on to lead the crew in the game with 13 points in a well-balanced attack.

Rollers 1's Francisco led all scorers with 21 points, but only received help from Dela Rosa and Herbert Maranan in the game.

Sonics 66 – Aranda 13, Salem 12,Palacios 12, Villanueva 8, Caro 6, Deguzman 5, Tudela 4, Alegre 2, Javier III 2.

Rollers 1 44 – Francisco 21, Dela Rosa 16, Maranan 7.

Scoring by quarters: 14-11, 26-23, 50-33, 66-44

PAIRE

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last Friday at the Oleai pitch.

MP United is still perfect in six games with two matches left and will join the Top 3 teams in the boys U18 in the FA Challenge Cup. Paire dropped to a 2-1-5 card and despite the loss in its last game, it earned a slot, too, to the FA Cup.

Scott Kim and Dakota Hall converted two goals apiece for the undefeated MP United, while Daniel Lim, Ryota Ito, Enrico del Rosario, Greg Sablan, John Masga, and Amier Abes added one each.

Tan Holdings 3, Matansa 1

In the other boys U15 match, Tan Holdings (2-0-3) stunned erstwhile unbeaten Matansa (3-2-1).

Jeff Palacios canned two goals, while Louie Bryle Calayag made one to lift Tan Holdings to an upset. Sean Perez scored the lone goal for Matansa in the 26th minute to give his team the first taste of the lead, but Palacios hit his mark seven minutes later to force a deadlock at the half.

Matansa went cold in the second half, while Calayag and Palacios logged one goal apiece in the last five minutes of the final frame for Tan Holding's second win.

GIRLS U15
MP United 3, Paire 2

Over at the Hopwood Junior High School Field last Saturday, MP United edged Paire.

MP United dropped all three goals in the second half for a come-from-behind win that improved its record to 3-1-2. Paire, which led at halftime, 1-0, off Mikaela Duenas' goal, fell to a 3-0-5 slate.

Kayleen Salle scored the other goal for Paire, while Kyla Ito made a pair for MP United to tie the match before Seung Lee drained the go-ahead goal.

Meanwhile, the other match in the girls U15 had co-leader Matansa (4-1-1) drawing Tan Holdings (0-1-5). Shirley's (4-1-1) drew a bye last weekend.

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"Kennedy is one of the team leaders in our U15 squad, making sure everyone is in place during the games. He helps our younger player to get better by teaching them some techniques to improve their game. He is a very hard working player, willing to sacrifice his body just to make sure the ball will not go inside that goal. Kennedy is the shy type before the game but once he gets in that field you can see his game face on. He will turn into a field general and will be very vocal in the plays. He will do everything in his power to make sure no one passes his line, he will not stop until he gets the ball and make sure the goal is safe from the attackers. He is always ready to step up and will not stop even if he is injured, as long as he thinks the team needs him and that makes him so special."

—Kennedy's coach Norman del Rosario

GCA

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notched two more wins to move into fifth place, just a game behind the aforementioned pair, while MHS Yellow Dolphins (3-8), Saipan Southern High School Manta Rays (2-9), and Kagman High School Ayuyus (2-9) fill out the rest of the pecking order.

Last Tuesday, SIS White swept MHS Blue, 25-16, 25-18, and,15-7; and GCA followed suit by brooming SIS Green in all three sets, 25-16, 27-25, and, 15-10.

Then back on Wednesday, SIS White routed MHS Yellow, 25-6, 25-18, and 15-2; while GCA defeated MHS Blue after the first two sets, 25-14, and, 25-17, but was upset in the final battle,13-15.

SIS Green rebounded from Tuesday's shortcoming by trumphing over the Manta Rays in the first two sets, 25-20, and 25-19, although SSHS managed to take the final duel, 15-6.

As for MCS, the Knights steamrolled MHS Yellow, 25-13, 25-15, and, 15-10, last Tuesday and then MCS wore down the Ayuyus, 28-26, 25-22, and 15-6.

Meanwhile, KHS was awarded a forfeit win over SSHS on Tuesday.

Notably, the 12th rotation of matches took place yesterday, which leaves just two rounds left in the regular season; details of those matchups will be released with this coming Tuesday's results.

Moreover, after the season concludes this coming Wednesday, MISO's double-elimination postseason tournament will be held at the MHS Gym on Nov. 30. The final results and additional tournament details will be released later next week.

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27 teams take part in Micronesian Cup

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Saipan hosted the premier outrigger canoe race in the region—the 14th Annual Micronesian Cup—last month in the waters off Kanoa Resort.

The premier outrigger canoe race in Micronesia wrapped up at the end of October with 27 teams representing five countries battling for titles in three categories. The 14th Annual Micronesian Cup was hosted on Saipan from Oct. 27 to 28. The race featured three events—a 500m sprint, a 1,500m sprint, and a 10-mile distance course. Teams competed in three divisions of men, women and mixed boats.

The event launched with a welcome banquet on Oct. 26 at the newly renovated Kanoa Resort sponsored in-part by the Marianas Visitor Authority where paddlers enjoyed a buffet and prepared themselves for the next day. Sprint races started early on Oct. 27 morning on a 250m course with boats making quick narrow turns around a flag in each lane. The weather cooperated relatively well with gentle breezes and sunlight, throwing in an occasional ocean swell or squall every few heats. Paddlers had to keep an eye on their amas and balance their weight while steersmen skillfully navigated the turns in order not to lose time or tip over.

The women's division started and ended their day of sprints with strong paddlers, steady finishes and clear winners from the eight competing teams. In both sprint races Poksai Pink and Poksai Yellow of Guam as well as local Saipan team Hoe Lokahi automatically qualified for the finals in the preliminary heats, joined by Poksai White in the 1,500m and Ifit (Guam) in the 500m. The first two women's teams in each preliminary heat automatically qualified for the finals, while the others were sent to a "repechage" heat to battle for the single remaining space. "Repechage" is a French term for "one more chance." Poksai White and Ifit each qualified in their respective repechage, leaving the four Guam teams and single Saipan representative fighting for trophies in both finals. Both the 500m and 1,500m finals races allowed Poksai Pink to take a quick victory over their sister team, Poksai Yellow, followed hotly by the local team Hoe Lokahi in third place.

The men's division was considerably more competitive with 15 teams split into three preliminary heats per race, allowing only the first place team to advance automatically. The remaining 12 teams were sent into a two repechage heats, where the fastest two overall times awarded their teams a lane in the finals. Guatdan Tasi Este of Guam, MPP of Saipan, and Hong Kong United fought hard in the 1,500m prelims to qualify automatically, and their effort paid off. Although joined in the finals by Hoe Lokahi (Saipan) and Taotao Galaide (Guam), the challengers were too tired from their extra race. Hong Kong took first place, followed closely by MPP, with Guatdan Tasi taking third.

The men's 500m race allowed all teams another shot though, and the placing for the shorter, faster race changed dramatically. Three Guam teams, Guatdan Tasi Este, Ifit, and Chalan Manganna, crossed first in each heat, with several boats getting knocked into the repechage by coming in only a second or two behind. Hoe Lokahi and Taotao Galaide were once again not ready for their day to be over and sped to the top in their repechage, moving them into the final too. In the final race, Guatdan Tasi pull in first place with Taotao Galaide taking second over Hoe Lokahi, third, by only 16 milliseconds.

Meanwhile, the mixed division had six teams, mostly consisting of paddlers from the men's and women's teams. Three teams from each of two heats competed for the top two spots in their heat to automatically advance, then the remaining two teams raced a repechage for one remaining spot in the finals. Despite jetlag from arriving on their overnight flight just hours before the races started, the Belau Canoe Club of Palau took top in both sprint races. Team Ifit of Guam took second in the 1,500m and third in the 500m, while Team Tulos of Guam took third in the 1,500m and second in the 500m. Hong Kong United and Taotao Galaide joined the winners in the final race, while Ohana Hoe of Japan was knocked out in the repechage.

The day of sprints wound down as paddlers retreated to their hotel rooms to take a nap, sought out a massage for their sore muscles, or enjoyed a cold beverage after their day of work, and prepared mentally and physically for the distance races of the following day. The distance races started early in the morning of Oct. 28 to blue skies and moderately calm surf. Each division was lined up outside of the reef cut and paddled hard in the open ocean out several miles, around a buoy, and continued in through another cut to finish the final several miles inside the shallow lagoon in only a few feet of water. The women crews raced first, lining up among the chop and eagerly waiting for the start flag. At the start, the crews played bumper boat for several minutes before spacing out enough to get up to full race speed. Poksai Pink took an immediate lead while Poksai Yellow trailed behind with Hoe Lokahi right on their tail. After the ocean buoy turn though, the ladies cemented their race order and stayed that way the rest of the way home. Poksai Pink came in strong to take first followed steadily by second place Poksai Yellow and Hoe Lokahi in third.

The men's race followed the women's, with teams divided into two heats of seven boats. The top teams from the sprint races were put together in the first heat and were rewarded by great weather conditions for most of the race. The teams were neck and neck with Hong Kong United leading the way and Guatdan Tasi Este, Hoe Lokahi, Taotao Galaide, MPP, Ifit, and Chalan Manganna trading places behind them. The teams continued to pass back and forth until Hong Kong pulled away in the last stretch and crossed the finish line just over a minute before second place Guatdan Tasi Este, with Hoe Lokahi only 7 seconds behind. The second men's race battled several squalls and the mid-day heat, with all but two teams pulling in later times than the first heat. SOCC from Saipan beat out second place Belau Canoe Club by twenty seconds, winning them overall 6th place.

The final race of the day was the mixed division distance, where teams had to battle both the hottest part of the day and the several storms passing across the lagoon. Still the mixed teams made it through a slightly shortened course. Hong Kong United's exhausted team pulled a strong finish in first place, followed at a short distance by Ifit and Tulos.

Meanwhile, during the adult distance races, the two juniors' teams (age 15-18) that were fighting alongside the adult men on Saturday were invited to face off in their own shortened distance course within the lagoon. The approximately 7-mile course added some extra entertainment for spectators and allowed the young men to flex their muscles one more time. Saipan's MPP Junior team used their home-field advantage to their benefit, and easily came in first, followed by Guatdan Tasi Real (Guam). The juniors' teams received special mention at the awards banquet that evening, and MPP Juniors received a trophy for their strong showing in the long distance course.

The long weekend of racing drew to a close with the awards ceremony sponsored by Kanoa Resort and the Tan Siu Lin Foundation. First, second, and third place teams were presented with hand-carved wooden trophies of traditional Yapese boat bailers, produced by Micronesian Woodcraft.

The 14th Annual Micronesian Cup was organized by the Northern Marianas National Paddlesport Federation, with representation from all of the Saipan outrigger teams and help from numerous volunteers. The federation would like to thank its sponsors: Kanoa Resort and the Tan Siu Lin Foundation, United Airlines, Heineken, DFS Galleria, Hertz Rental Car, Saipan Water and Ice, Topnotch, Star Sands Plaza, the Marianas Visitor Authority, IT&E, Saipan Apparel, Napu Canoe Club, Mr. and Mrs. Benavente, and Micronesia Woodcraft for their generous support of the event. The success of this event was made possible by the enthusiasm of our volunteers, spectators, sponsors and paddlers and their dedication to showcasing the sport of outrigger canoe paddling across Micronesia. The NMN Paddlesport Federation would like to thank all participants and wish them safe travels and good luck for next year's races in Palau!

IT&E Na'Gupu ousts top-ranked DJ Fish

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B-Fanihi's IT&E Na'Gupu pulled off the only notable upset in the opening rounds of last week's Saipan Electronic Dart Association 2012 summer/Fall Bud Light Cup postseason even as SOS Bar & Grill's Fantastic Baby!, Sands Bar's Lupeyt, and Jonny's Bar & Grill's Kyodai remain at the helm of their respective Master, C-division, and B-Flame Tree brackets.

Second-ranked IT&E upset Bammy's Restaurant & Bar's B-Fanihi league leader DJ Fish, 8-6, at home in Naked Fish Bar & Grill last Thursday and moved to take on Es'y's Kitchen's fourth seeded Kitchen Darters after the latter worked out an 8-3 home upset over No. 3 Joe's Oneshot.

The other half of the bracket includes VFW Post 3457's Naughty Boyz, which ousted the Shooters, 8-6, at Oceanside, and Jonny's Rehab, which advanced over Es'y's Taya Guaha, 8-1, on the road.

Master leader Fantastic Baby! eliminated the Maharot Crew, 9-4, on the road at Joe's back on Nov. 7 and was paired against its sister team Joker last night after the latter mustered a 9-6 home upset over Joe's third-ranked Dart seekers in the opening round.

In other results, Oceanside's Destroyers made it past Diamond Force, 9-7, on the road at Es'y's and faced off against SOS's Mixblood Rookies, which knocked out Sands' Juvy Especialist, 9-8, in the first round.

Lupeyt survived Jonny's second-ranked Zyndikato, 8-6, on road and challenged SOS' Joker Royal last night; Joker Royal bumped out Hafa Mas, 8-2, on the road at Naked Fish back on November 7.

Other C-division paring from last night included VFW's Warriors versu Island Apparel's Oh! MG at Naked Fish; Jonny's Sparks aginst the Shottas at Oceanside and Sands' Juvy Ascoascho aginst Shooters M-Side at Oceanside.

Going back to Thursday, B-Flame Tree's Kyodai routed Joe's Real Deal, 8-1, on the road last week and will battle with Bammy's Lilapuching. Lilapuching upset Tam Exotic, 8-4, at home in the first round.

Meanwhile, Bammy's TaK'Ka Hao advanced past Joe's Dart K'nytes, 8-5, on the road and faced the Refalauans last night as the latter upset VFW's Dutty Gunz, 8-6, at home in Sands last week.

SEDA's Inter-Government Bud Light Cup tourney opens up tonight with the Department of Public Lands' top-ranked Sakude III paired against Team CUC in a road match at Bammy's and the Department of Public Safety's Bad Boys taking on Northern Marianas College's Proa on the road at Naked Fish, provided the Bad Boys pay its membership dues. Coastal Resource Management Office's Primos also need to pay it dues.

The Primos were gifted a first round bye and will face the winner of Sakude III and Team CUC next week.

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Sports

Sonics rout Rollers 1, advance to finals

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Before making its return to the Rotary Club of Saipan's 21st Annual Youth Basketball League U20 age division finals, defending champion Sonics made sure it took Rollers 1 to school, 66-44, in the pair's semifinal match Wednesday at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

The Sonics will face the winner of last night's knockout match between Mariana Resort/Northern Marianas College's second-ranked Proa and sixth seeded Cinderella team, Hi-5, for all the marbles tonight at 6:30pm preceded by the 5:30pm consolation feature.

The Sonics worked out an early 14-11 lead against Rollers 1 in the opening 10 minutes with good ball movement that enabled a handful of different players filling a role in the action.

The second quarter played out in similar fashion and though Rollers 1 managed to hang around, the count merely shifted to 26-23 in favor of the Sonics who again had five different donors involved in its output.

Jack Aranda and Ezra Caro paced the group with 6 points apiece in the first two frames, while Rollers 1 rode on the backs of Ralph Francisco and Erik Dela Rosa who accounted for all of the team's offense in the first half.

The reigning champs then turned it on after the break and spurted ahead, 50-33, in the third quarter primarily because of a strong de-

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Sonics' John Paul Villanueva goes right at Rollers 1 center Erik Dela Rosa during their U20 Rotary caging semifinal game last Wednesday at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium. WALTER CEPEDA-SUTHERLAND

GCA, SIS spikers maintain pole position

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The Grace Christian Academy Eagles and the Saipan International School White Geckos remain at the controls as both teams bagged a couple of wins in the Marianas Interscholastic Sports Organization 2012-2013 Boys Volleyball Season last Tuesday and Wednesday at the Marianas High School Gymnasium.

SIS Green Geckos, meanwhile, nabbed a share of third place in the standings thanks to a two-game slide by the MHS Blue Dolphins.

GCA and SIS White now embrace identical 10-1 win-loss records, while SIS Green and MHS Blue each hold 6-5 slates.

Meanwhile, the Mount Carmel School Knights (5-6) have been charging as of late and

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WALTER CEPEDA SUTHERLAND
Saipan Southern High School Manta Rays' Bryl Alegre jumps up for a spike during their MISO boys volleyball game against Saipan International School Green Geckos last Wednesday at the Marianas High School Gymnasium.

Paire FC rules U18 division

ROSELYN B. MONROYO
A Paire FC striker tries elude two MP United-2 defenders during the second half of their game in the boys U18 division of the NMIFA fall league last Saturday at the Oleai Sports Complex Field.

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Paire Football Club shut out MP United-2, 4-0, last Saturday at the Oleai Sports Complex Field to top the boys U18 division of the 2012 NMIFA Youth Fall League.

Paire finished the double round-robin competition with an impressive 7-0-1 win-draw-loss record. It swept MP United 1 and 2, and Matansa, and absorbed its lone loss in the season against Tan Holding's FC.

With its No. 1 finish in the division, Paire will be seeded first in the FA Challenge Cup that will feature the Top 3 teams in both the boys U15 and U18 age groups.

Paire's triumph in the fall season ended MP United's two-year reign in the U18 division.

The boys U18 champion completed its fall season assignment with a bang after getting twin goals from Zhi Peng Lin and one each from Colin Fruit and Jireh Yobech. Fruit gave Paire a 1-0 halftime lead with his goal in the 29th minute, while Yobech and Lin made it a 3-0 advantage with a goal in the 70th and 72nd, respectively, before the latter scored anew in the last minute of the match.

MP United-1 11, Matansa 2

Also nailing an easy win in the boys U18 was MP United-1.

Christopher Camacho and Clay McCullough-Stearns drilled three goals apiece for MP United-1, which improved to a 2-0-4 record. Evert Van Der Maas added two goals, while Jake Lee, Yong Jun Jeon, and Seoung Joon Lee contributed one each.

Josh Muna knocked in all two goals of Matansa, which remained winless in six games.

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MP United 10, Paire 0

MP United is likely to keep its reign in the boys U15 after posting yet another win against Paire

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NMIFA YOUTH PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Name: **Kennedy Izuka**
Age Group: **U15**
Team: **MP United FC**
Position: **Defender**
Jersey No.: **#17**
Years of Playing Experience: **8 years**
Village: **Garapan**
School: **Saipan International School**
Grade: **9th**
Favorite Player or Team: **Gerard Pique**

Q: How did you become interested in football?

A: My parents signed me up for the sport when I was 7 and I've loved it ever since.

Q: Why do you like to play football?

A: Football is a great sport and the most popular sport in the world. You can meet new people, learn about life, and become a better football player. I've also been very fortunate to train and play under several great coaches.

Q: What are your greatest football achievements?

A: I've been able to represent the CNMI on numerous occasions. The best one in my mind was in Taipei, Taiwan where I was part of the team that gave the CNMI its first international win. We beat Macau.

Q: What other message can you share with the football community?

A: Train hard, play hard. There is always room for improvement.

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